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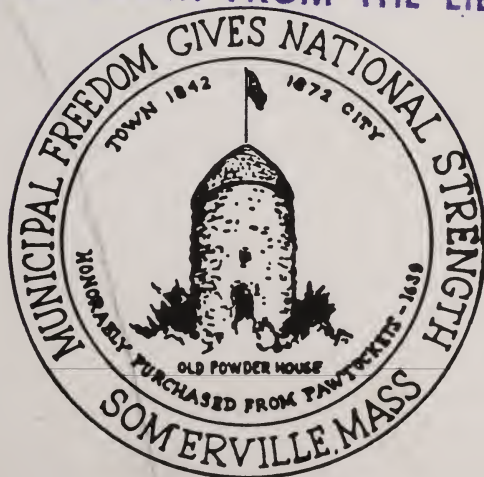



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1987 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

MAYOR EUGENE C. BRUNE

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Members of the
Board of Aldermen, School Committee Members,
Members of the Great & General Court,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

In fulfilling my duty to report on the state of the City, I am delighted to say to you that the Spirit of Somerville has never soared higher than it does today.

Tonight I am proud to say that the City we live in today is not the Somerville of 1980. We were able to rise above the clouds of darkness and embarrassment into that pure sunshine where our highest ambition could be fulfilled — to serve our City of Somerville regardless of political factions or personal disagreements.

Certainly, there still exist differences among some of us that will not soon disappear . . . but open debate is a part of democracy's vitality and none of us would have it any other way. We can, however, at least recognize another loyalty beyond politics, and that is loyalty to this city and to its future — our future.

The coming of the new year is a good time to reflect on where we have been, where we are and where we are going as a City.

Ladies and gentlemen, we've come so far in the last seven years, we've accomplished so much.

Management improvements like the reorganization of the Assessor's Office, the creation of the Personnel & Purchasing Departments, along with the previous modernization of Auditing and Treasury have put Somerville in an enviable position.

Our reputation for management innovations was rewarded when the state's Executive Office of Communities and Development selected Somerville as one of the few communities to participate in their Urban Management Program. That money was targeted to commission a study to determine how the Department of Public Works could deliver services more effectively and efficiently.

As a result of these efforts to streamline our system and to improve our administrative capabilities, our bond rating increased to the highest level it has been in over a decade. The increased bond rating means investors have greater confidence in Somerville which in turn means more revenue for our city. Over the past seven years direct new investment in the City has increased by over 125 million dollars.

Ladies and gentlemen, this new found confidence in our city is only the beginning. People outside our city are now learning what we have known for generations—Somerville has been, Somerville is and Somerville will be a great City.

Cities grow or stagnate depending on realities that relate to the quality of infrastructure, the quality of services, the quality of public safety, the quality of public education, and the quality of communication.

I am proud to say that this year will see us bring to Somerville the finest and most cost effective communication system in any city in America. Here in the City that hosted Alexander Graham Bell's first commercial telephone call in the world One Hundred ten years ago, we are now installing one of the very first fiber optic systems operated by a municipal government to the United States. And the long range results will mean a tremendous savings to the tax payers of Somerville.

In 1987, we will also see improved telephone service to Somerville. I can confirm here tonight that the New England Telephone Company has agreed to my request for improved state-of-the-art phone service. New England Telephone will, at its own cost of more than \$14 million dollars, make available enhanced services such as call waiting, call forwarding, alternative long distance and direct international calling by November 1 of this year to every telephone in Somerville.

This, along with the fiber optics system, will allow Somerville to enter the age of information with a fully rebuilt telecommunications infrastructure second to none in the Country.

No one person can accomplish everything alone. Success depends on the fusion of the City's talents, the dedication and cooperation between the Mayor's office, with all its departments, the Board of Aldermen, School Committee, our state and federal legislators and just as importantly the citizens that make up the fiber of our city. A great deal of what we have achieved and much of what we hope to accomplish depends on how much money we receive beyond local taxes.

Unfortunately, under the current administration in Washington, a good part of the resources we need to maintain our neighborhood has been taken away. The annual Community Development Block Grant for Somerville, which was once at over \$3.8 million dollars, is now at \$2.6 million, a 33% reduction; and the President's budget advisors are calling for further cuts this year and next. These are economic realities we have to adjust to.

Another area of concern for me is the funding we get from the State. Somerville has benefited tremendously from the hard work of our State Representatives Mackey, Howe, and Vellucci and State Senator Albano. But despite their efforts, this year the state tax cap has the potential to severely limit state aid increases.

Serving as Chairman of the Fiscal Policy Committee for the Massachusetts Municipal Association, I, along with several groups, have been meeting weekly with Secretary of Finance, Frank Keefe. Based on the best available information, the total amount of additional state aid for the next fiscal year will decrease over the percented increased received last year. This decrease, along with the 60 percent loss of Federal Revenue Sharing totaling over one million dollars, will once again remind us that we must continue to make sure that we do not

have excessive budgets this new fiscal year, and that we must work with all our departments to develop more productivity. Nevertheless, despite these budgetary constraints and because of prudent management on our part, I am confident that we will continue our forward progress.

In fact, I have instructed our Highway Superintendent to give me a complete inventory of all streets and sidewalks that need to be resurfaced. Once this is completed, I will present the Board of Aldermen with a three to five year street and sidewalk reconstruction plan for our entire city. The completion of this plan will eliminate just about every bad street in our neighborhoods. I instructed our Building Superintendent to complete a study of all our municipal buildings and to report on their condition so that we may do the repairs necessary to bring them up to code and into good condition. I particularly want to concentrate on our libraries, fire stations, recreation and City Hall.

Water is fast becoming a very expensive commodity. I've instructed our Water Superintendent to continue with our plan for relining our water mains, the replacement of old house services for better water pressure, and the elimination of water leaks. We must continue to repair and update our very old infrastructure that was neglected for so long. I've been working with our Fire Chief, William Fitzgerald to upgrade all our fire apparatus and to continue the replacement program that has made our fire department so much more effective and safe. I want unsafe fire apparatus to be a thing of the past.

I am pleased that the updating of all our fire hose to a larger diameter is near completion, and the architectural firm of Schwartz and Silver is in the process of preparing working drawings for the renovations of the Teele Square fire station. Upon completion of that project, I will begin work on restoring the Highland Avenue fire station. Also, I will work with our new Fire Chief, Emilio Scalesse to upgrade and update the fire department's radio communication system. Please be assured that the Police Department is an equally important priority for me. In fact, we just made a major investment in the Police Department. We purchased a \$200,000 computer system to facilitate police management. This computer will break down crime statistics that will enable the police to dispatch manpower to where they will provide the best protection for our citizens. Also, I am pleased to report that in the coming weeks, 10 new police officers will be added to our department.

I want the citizens of our community to have the very best public safety we can afford.

I've instructed my Planning and Community Development office to continue their annual parks renovation program. Parks and playgrounds are an important resource for our citizens and it's important that they be renovated and maintained.

The maintenance and repairs of all our school buildings is also a major priority of this administration and that of Superintendent Robert Watson. A year ago the School Committee conducted a study, the result of which was a recommendation to create a program to renovate our schools. I have given my pledge to Superintendent Watson that I will, upon the sale of the former Western Jr.

High School, appropriate \$800,000.00 for the first phase of upgrading our school buildings so that our children will continue to be taught in a clean and safe environment. I want each and every one of our school buildings to be in good sound condition.

This program I have briefly outlined this evening will be presented as a three year Capital Improvement Plan to the Honorable Board of Aldermen in the coming weeks in more complete detail. With proper fiscal planning and prudent use of all existing resources, we should be able to fund our Capital Improvement Program with minimum impact on taxpayers.

Yes, we are building for the future. The tide of the future, a successful future, is ours. But, make no mistake about it, the tide of a prosperous future is not like the ocean tide — regular and relentless. It is ours only if we are willing to persevere.

And like a small boat that survives a storm at sea, we, too, will persevere in our efforts to achieve all our goals; not the least of which is our housing situation.

If there is one issue all of us can agree on — it is that we have a crisis in affordable housing. We see it discussed on television and we read about it in the newspapers. But most tragically, we hear about it from our friends and neighbors. It is a complicated issue with elusive answers, however, my determination to find them is not diminished. I applaud the efforts of the Aldermanic Housing Task Force and I eagerly await the data they have gathered to help us further our housing policy. Also, as we move forward with the Boynton Yards revitalization, we will have a great opportunity to create affordable housing in a neighborhood setting.

For the past few months, a committee of neighborhood residents, business representatives, and City Officials have studied and debated the opportunities for new housing and commercial activity in this area. The committee's recommendation, which will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen this month, calls for a carefully balanced program of strengthening the existing residential area, with new housing units where possible, and providing space for new or expanded industrial and commercial investments.

If these recommendations are adopted, I will make the development of a detailed and financially feasible revitalization strategy for this area a top priority.

We will also make sure that the Office of Planning and Community Development continues to work with the Somerville Housing Authority and community groups to provide housing programs for low income tenants and help homeowners with energy programs and much needed and costly repairs.

Perhaps most important, we need the help of the men and women in the neighborhoods. The future of our city is bound up inseparably in its neighborhoods where the quality of life is set.

It is in the neighborhoods that the true spirit of Somerville is found. It is from the neighborhoods that we have drawn the strength necessary to complete the tasks we set for ourselves.

Somerville can boast of priority today because we have stood together as a community. We stood together most recently when the Haitian-American families were burnt out of their homes, we stood together and withstood hurricane Gloria and we stood together to clean up our city with the Somerville is Picking Up campaign.

Our success is a measure of our industry and perseverance. Nevertheless, higher things remain to be done than have yet been accomplished. Here in Somerville there is a new age approaching full of opportunity.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am excited about our future prospects because we have come of age together; and as President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural, "united, there is little we cannot do in a host of new cooperative ventures."

I look forward in 1987 to be working with Aldermanic President Michael Gentile. His ability to discuss issues and his common sense approach to resolve problems will be a great benefit to our city. I ask other members of this Honorable Board to please evaluate all programs I may put before them. Meet with me and/or my staff. I have always been available to discuss and assist board members who had questions or concerns and I pledge to continue to do so in the future.

I also look forward to working with School Committee Chairman Stan Koty. I am confident that the good working relationship we have enjoyed in the past seven years will continue. This excellent working relationship with the entire school committee has allowed us all to enhance education in our city.

Let me just conclude by saying that we have done our best to accomplish everything we set out to do seven years ago, but there is much more work to be done; and recognizing the many contributions of others, we invite the participation of all in advancing the highest and best interests of Somerville.

My hope is that all who are here tonight may be moved to a higher and nobler effort for their own and for the City's good; that out of this effort may come, not only greater commerce and prosperity for us all, but, more essential than these, that we establish relations of mutual respect, confidence and friendship which will deepen and endure.

May I wish each and every citizen in our city a very happy and healthy New Year.

Thank you very much.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Revenue
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
OF
SOMERVILLE
Fiscal 1988

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

A. Total Amount to be Raised (from IIE) \$ 101,563,045.82

B. Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources
 (from IIE) 69,703,153.31

C. Tax Levy (IA minus IB) \$ 31,859,892.51

D. Distribution of Tax Rates and Levies ☒ Classified ☐ Unclassified

(a) Class	(b) Levy Percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times Each percent in col. (b)	(d) Valuation by Class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c)÷(d)X1000	(f) Levy by Class (d)X(e)÷1000
Residential	64.5094	20,552,625.50	1,507,770,075	13.63	20,550,906.12
Open Space	0.000	0	0	N/A	N/A
Commercial	23.8136	7,586,987.36	313,558,845	24.20	7,588,124.05
Industrial	7.3177	2,331,411.35	96,354,490	24.20	2,331,778.66
SUBTOTAL			1,917,683,410		30,470,808.83
Personal	4.3593	1,388,868.29	57,400,152	24.20	1,389,083.68
TOTAL	100%		1,975,083,56 \$		31,859,892.51 \$

MUST EQUAL IC

Board of Assessors
 of Somerville

II. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

A. APPROPRIATIONS (col. (b) through col. (f) from Schedule B, Page 4)	\$ 88,782,125.82
B. OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES (Not Requiring Appropriations)	
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	
2. Debt and interest charges not included in Schedule B	
3. Final court judgments	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets	\$ 1,777,267.00
6. Revenue deficits	4,754,925.00
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	
8.	
9.	
TOTAL B (Total lines 1 through 9)	6,532,192.00
C. STATE AND COUNTY CHERRY SHEET CHARGES (C.S I-EC cols. 1 and 2)	4,248,728.00
D. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS (OVERLAY)	2,000,000.00
E. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total IIA through IID)	\$101,563,045.82

III. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

A. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS – STATE	
1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts (C.S. I-ER Total Part D)	\$52,212,675.00
2. Cherry Sheet Overestimates (C.S. I-EC Part E col. 3)	289,121.00
TOTAL A (Total Lines 1 and 2)	52,501,796.00
B. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS – LOCAL	
1. Local Receipts Not Allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 26)	9,243,038.49
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1, col. (b), Line 12)	
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	
TOTAL B (Total Lines 1 through 3)	9,243,038.49
C. REVENUE SOURCES APPROPRIATED FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSES	
1. Free Cash (Schedule B, col. (c))	5,538,539.82
2. Other Available Funds (Schedule B, col. (d))	2,019,779.00
3. Revenue Sharing (Schedule B, col. (e))	400,000.00
TOTAL C (Total Lines 1 through 3)	7,958,318.82

- D. OTHER REVENUE SOURCES
 APPROPRIATED SPECIFICALLY TO
 REDUCE THE TAX RATE
1. Free Cash
 2. Municipal Light Source
 3. Other Source (Specify)
- TOTAL D (Total Lines 1 through 3)

E. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND
 OTHER REVENUE SOURCES
 (Total IIIA through IIID) \$69,703,153.31

IV. SUMMARY OF TOTAL AMOUNT TO
 BE RAISED AND TOTAL RECEIPTS
 FROM ALL SOURCES

Fill in after Page 1 is complete

A. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (from IIE)	\$101,563,045.82
B. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES (from IIE)	\$69,703,153.31
C. TOTAL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY (from IC)	31,859,892.51
D. TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES (Total IVB plus IVC)	\$101,563,045.82
	(IVA MUST EQUAL IVD)

SCHEDULE A.
 LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED*

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal – 1987	(b) **Estimated Receipts Fiscal – 1988
1. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,652,176	\$1,793,036.49
2. Other Excise.		
3. Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	286,597	286,597.00
4. Payments in Lieu of Taxes	65,203	65,203.00
5. Charges for Services – Water	4,891,100	4,200,000.00
6. Charges for Services – Sewer		
7. Charges for Services – Hospital		
8. Charges for Services – Trash Disposal	4,207	4,207.00
9. Other Charges for Services.	142,496	142,496.00
10. Fees	5,000	5,000.00
11. Rentals	191,174	191,174.00
12. Departmental Revenue – Schools.		
13. Departmental Revenue – Libraries		
14. Departmental Revenue – Cemeteries.		

15. Departmental Revenue — Recreation.		
16. Other Departmental Revenue.	14,570	14,570.00
17. Licenses and Permits	557,058	557,058.00
18. Special Assessments		
19. Fines and Forfeits	899,017	899,017.00
20. Investment Income	874,116	874,116.00
21. Forclosures	78,000	78,000.00
22. Court Fines	108,067	108,067.00
23. Parking Permits.	24,497	24,497.00
24.		
25.		
26. TOTALS	<u>\$9,793,278</u>	<u>\$9,243,038.49</u>

I hereby certify that the actual receipts from the preceding fiscal year as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 1988 tax rate recapitulation form by the City or Town Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Ruth Lewis
Accountant Auditor

* Receipts voted by the City/Town Council or Town Meeting as offsets to the appropriation of a specific department listed on Schedule A-1 or fund on Schedule A-2 filed with and approved by the Director of Accounts *must not* be included in columns (a) or (b).

** If any estimate in column (b) is different from the actual line item in column (a), factual support for the change should be submitted in writing for approval of the Commissioner of Revenue.

**SCHEDULE B.
CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING**

City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	APPROPRIATIONS		SOURCES OF FUNDING					(g)
	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate (Tax Levy)	(c) From Free Cash	(d) From Other Available Funds (Indicate Source)	(e) From Revenue Sharing	(f) From Offset Receipts C. 44 S. 53E	
3/10/87		\$ 14,692	\$	\$	\$ 14,692	\$	\$	
4/3/87		4,920,900		4,920,900				
4/29/87		12,900			12,900			
4/29/87		377,000		377,000				
4/29/87		20,187			20,187			
4/28/87		11,000,000						
3/30/87		200,000			200,000			
6/8/87		78,097,007	78,097,007					11,000,000
6/29/87		76,000		76,000				
6/29/87		291,000		124,000	167,000			
6/29/87		100,000			100,000			
6/29/87		200,000			200,000			
6/29/87		10,000		10,000				
6/29/87		150,000			150,000			
9/2/87		1,800	1,800					
9/24/87		800,000			800,000			
9/24/87		300,000			300,000			
9/24/87		55,000			55,000			
Totals		\$96,626,486	\$78,098,807	\$5,507,900	\$2,019,779			\$11,000,000

**SCHEDULE B.
CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING**

APPROPRIATIONS		SOURCES OF FUNDING					
(b) City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate (Tax Levy)	(c) From Free Cash	(d) From Other Available Funds (Indicate Source)	(e) From Revenue Sharing	(f) From Offset Receipts C. 44 S. 53E	(g) Borrowing Authorization
FY*							\$
11/12/87	\$ 2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
11/12/87	200,000	200,000					
11/12/87	100,000	100,000					
11/12/87	(400,000)	(400,000)					
11/12/87	400,000				400,000		
11/12/87	1,399.82		1,399.82				
11/12/87	5,000		5,000				
10/8/87	25,000	25,000					
11/12/87	24,240		24,240				
Totals	\$99,782,125.82	\$80,823,807	\$5,538,539.82	\$2,019,779	\$400,000	\$	\$11,000,000

*Enter in this column the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 1987 or fiscal year 1988.

**Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts (Schedule A) or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered in *Gross* in order to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

I hereby certify that the foregoing appropriations and the provisions for meeting the same are as voted and correctly reflect the use of offset receipts and enterprise funds.

James F. B-----
Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
SOMERVILLE
Fiscal 1988

Notice to Assessors of Fiscal 1988 Estimated Charges
to be Used in Determining the Tax Levy
General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

The following County Tax and State Assessments, as estimated, and the underestimates from the prior year, must be used by the Assessors in determining the Gross Amount to be raised by Taxation. Overestimates from the prior year must be used by the Assessors as Available Funds.

	Column 1 Estimates to be raised	Column 2 Prior Year Underestimates to be raised	Column 3 Prior Year Overestimates to be Used as Available Funds
A. County Assessments:			
1. County Tax G.L. Ch. 35, s. 31	\$ 502,484		\$ 25,937
2. County Hospital G.L. Ch. 111, s. 85			
Subtotal, County	502,484		25,937
B. State Assessments and Changes:			
1. Audit of Municipal Accounts G.L. Ch. 44, ss. 41, 46A			
2. State Supervision of Retirement Systems G.L. Ch. 32, s. 21 (2)	9,110		
3. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills 1962, Ch. 727			
Health Insurance G.L. Ch. 32A, ss. 10B (c) 12:			
4. Elderly Governmental Retirees			
5. Retired Municipal Teachers	28,181		
6. Mosquito Control Projects G.L. Ch. 252, s. 5A			

7. Air Pollution Control Districts G.L. Ch. 111, ss. 142B, 142C; 1960, Ch. 676, s. 1	12,135		
8. Metropolitan Area Planning Council G.L. Ch. 40B, ss. 26, 29; 1974, Ch. 476	14,060		
9. Old Colony Planning Council 1967, Ch. 332			
10. Parking Surcharges, G.L. Ch. 90, ss. 20, 20½			
Subtotal, State	63,486		
C. Transportation/ Authorities:			
1. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority: G.L. Ch. 161A, ss. 8,9; 1974, Ch. 825, ss. 6,7			208,144
Net Cost of Service: Jan. 1, 1986 - Dec. 31, 1986			
2. Boston Metropolitan District Expenses 1929, Ch. 383, s. 12; 1954, Ch. 535	3,616,845		
3. Regional Transit Authorities: G.L. Ch. 161B, ss. 10, 11; 1973, Ch. 1141	1,006		
Net Cost of Service: July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987			
Subtotal, Transportation	3,617,851		208,144
D. Charges Against Total Estimated Receipts:			
1. Multi-Year Repayment Program Adjustments		\$2,857	
2. Revaluation Assessment G.L. Ch. 58, s. 4C			
3. Special Education Assessment G.L. Ch. 71B, ss. 10; 12; 1972, Ch. 766	60,512		55,040
4. Energy Conservation Programs Assessment 1983, Ch. 700	1,538		
5. Small Town Road Assistance Program Assessment 1983, Ch. 637, s. 32			
Subtotal Charges	62,050	2,857	55,040
E. Totals — All Assessments and Charges	\$4,245,871	\$2,857	\$289,121
F. NET TOTAL CHARGES, FISCAL 1988 (Column 1 + Column 2 - Column 3)			\$3,959,607

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A, and Chapter 59, Section 23

A. Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes:

Loss of Taxes, Abatements G.L. Ch. 59, s. 5

1. Veterans Clauses 22A - 22E.	\$ 16,230
2. Surviving Spouses and Others Clause 17.	194,570
3. Blind Persons Clause 37	9,834
4. Elderly Persons Clause 41, 41B, 41C.	298,572
Subtotal, Loss of Taxes	519,206

B. Education Distributions and Reimbursements:

School Aid Distribution G.L. Ch. 58, s. 18A

1. School Aid G.L. Ch. 70	14,530,479
2. Retired Teachers' Pensions G.L. Ch. 32, s. 20(2)(c)	
3. Regional Public Libraries G.L. Ch. 78, s. 19C	
4. School Transportation Programs G.L. Ch. 71, ss. 7A, 7B, 37D; Ch. 71A, s. 8; Ch. 71B, ss. 13, 14; Ch. 74, s. 8A	283,466
5. Construction of School Projects, 1948; Ch. 645; 1976, Ch. 511	5,543,530
6. Special Needs Recreation G.L. Ch. 71B, s. 11	6,082
7. Tuition for State Wards G.L. Ch. 76, ss. 7, 9; G.L. Ch. 74, s. 7A.	25,327
8. Additional Aid to Public Libraries	21,763
9. Transportation of Pupils G.L. Ch. 71, s. 16C.	
Subtotal, School Aid Distributions and Reimbursements	

Education Offset Items – Reserve for Direct Expenditures:

10. Public Libraries G.L. Ch. 78, s. 19A	84,872
11. Racial Imbalance G.L. Ch. 76, s. 12A	
12. Magnet Education G.L. Ch. 71, ss. 37I, 37J	24,240
13. Equal Education Improvement Fund G.L. Ch. 15, s. 1I	
14. School Lunch Program 1970, Ch. 871	51,326
15. Elderly Lunch Program G.L. Ch. 15, s. 1L, 1970, Ch. 753.	3,986
16. Apprenticeship Training Program G.L. Ch. 74, s. 7B	
17. Equal Educational Opportunity G.L. Ch. 70A.	1,394,765
18. School Improvement Council G.L. Ch. 10, s. 51	65,072
19. Professional Development, 1985, Ch. 188, s. 13	89,376
20. Horace Mann Teachers, G.L. Ch. 15, s. 1G	63,630
Subtotal, Education Offset Items	1,777,267
Subtotal, All Education Items	2,187,914

C. General Government Reimbursement and Distributions:

1. Police Career Incentive G.L. Ch. 41, s. 108L.	180,782
2. Cultivation and Protection of Shellfish G.L. Ch. 130, s. 10A	

3. Water Pollution Abatements G.L. Ch. 21, s. 37 (Offset Item)	
4. Federally Aided Urban Renewal Projects G.L. Ch. 121	23,519
5. Non-Federally Aided Urban Renewal Projects G.L. Ch. 121	
6. Veterans' Benefits G.L. Ch. 115, s. 6	40,297
7. Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance 1974, Ch. 825	
8. Highway & Transit Fringe MBTA Communities 1974, Ch. 825	
9. Additional Assistance General Fund Appropriation to Local Aid Fund	24,699,529
10. Lottery, Beano, Charity Games G.L. Ch. 29, s. 2D.	3,962,171
11. Highway Fund G.L. Ch. 81, s. 31; 1980, Ch. 577, s. 8	182,257
12. Urban Redevelopment Corporation Excise G.L. Ch. 121A, s. 10	417,000
13. Local Share of Racing Taxes 1981, Ch. 558	
14. City of Boston Funding Loan 1982, Ch. 190	
Subtotal, General Government	29,505,555
D. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, FISCAL 1988	\$52,212,675

**REPORT OF THE
AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

**FROM JULY 1, 1986
TO JUNE 30, 1987**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

June 30, 1987

P.S. — Personal Services		O.M. — Ordinary Maintenance	S.I. — Special Items				
Name of Account				Total Appropriations	Total Expenditures	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Board of Aldermen	P.S.			125,900	125,071	0	829
	O.M.			34,692	32,807	95	1,790
Clerk of Committees	P.S.			35,762	35,761	0	1
	O.M.			450	17	0	431
Executive Administration	P.S.			152,752	147,245	0	5,509
	O.M.			24,638	20,089	1,343	3,206
	Capital			636	0	636	0
	S.I.			34,216	14,238	0	19,978
Celebrations & Conventions Conservation Commission Council on Aging	O.M.			7,500	5,755	187	1,558
	P.S.			1,300	735	552	13
	O.M.			40,744	40,575	0	169
	Capital			32,151	7,780	23,560	812
Community Youth	Capital			1,650	1,436	0	214
	S.I.			10,000	10,000	0	0
	P.S.			73,604	73,602	0	2
	O.M.			28,597	25,824	990	1,783
	Capital			2,193	1,561	0	632
	S.I.			20	20	0	0
Full Circle	P.S.			28,808	28,808	0	0
	O.M.			830	808	0	22
	Capital			33,800	3,800	3,800	0
Next Wave Animal Control	P.S.			13,681	13,681	0	0
	P.S.			25,500	18,018	0	7,482
	O.M.			20,280	14,164	1,385	4,731

Historical Commission	O.M.	1,089	1,046	32	11
	S.I.	100,000	100,000	0	0
Human Services	P.S.	51,656	50,594	0	1,062
	O.M.	26,800	26,129	616	55
	S.I.	132,231	48,103	2,571	81,557
Memorial Day	O.M.	13,936	5,394	4,200	4,342
Quarters for Vets	O.M.	3,850	3,050	150	650
Human Development	P.S.	4,600	3,873	0	727
	O.M.	372	372	0	0
Historic Preservation Comis.	O.M.	7,500	6,750	25	725
	S.I.	10,000	0	0	10,000
Employee Assistance Program	P.S.	23,983	23,983	0	5
	O.M.	1,350	1,070	0	280
Telecommunications	P.S.	182,477	180,167	0	2,310
	O.M.	453,637	325,767	93,975	33,895
Capital		639,836	414,772	64,518	160,546
Personnel	P.S.	99,824	98,709	0	120
	O.M.	104,150	19,858	20,596	65,696
Purchasing	P.S.	70,376	69,852	0	524
Auditing	P.S.	252,489	246,161	0	6,329
	O.M.	85,452	81,142	2,602	1,708
Capital		12,832	11,077	486	1,269
	S.I.	14,000	0	0	14,000
Data Processing	O.M.	79,406	52,923	35,902	581
	Capital	188,000	104,651	3,876	79,473
Treasury	P.S.	347,960	345,885	0	2,075
	O.M.	518,009	427,188	72,692	18,129
Capital		7,540	4,372	0	3,169
	S.I.	2,157	0	0	2,157

Fire	P.S.	5,372,020	5,224,239	1,190	146,590
	O.M.	180,540	153,380	15,584	11,575
	Capital	239,098	135,591	79,655	23,852
Police	P.S.	5,218,149	5,194,333	0	23,816
	O.M.	313,896	259,979	36,494	18,424
	Capital	377,493	233,831	135,474	8,188
	S.I.	3,935	3,552	0	383
Traffic & Parking	P.S.	280,270	241,616	0	38,654
	O.M.	399,669	174,895	24,141	100,631
	Capital	129,541	98,738	8,003	22,780
	S.I.	15,702	11,775	3,454	473
Weights & Measures	P.S.	80,697	80,644	0	53
	O.M.	1,900	1,276	0	624
	Capital	1,010	1,010	0	0
Board of Health	P.S.	999,815	489,044	0	10,771
Veterans' Benefits	P.S.	131,266	0	0	4,095
	O.M.	105,306	90,635	1,333	13,338
Graves Registration	P.S.	1,000	1,000	0	0
	O.M.	2,652	1,441	0	1,211
Libraries	P.S.	735,772	693,950	0	41,822
	O.M.	183,368	168,004	8,934	6,430
	Capital	51,034	38,119	12,486	429
	S.I.	451	0	0	451
Recreation	P.S.	299,846	300,646	0	<800>
	O.M.	22,610	14,570	6,725	1,315
Debt	Reduction of Funded Debt	3,140,000	340,000	0	0
	Interest	1,588,054	1,587,571	0	483
DPW Administration	P.S.	86,756	85,932	0	824
	O.M.	270,350	177,775	42,196	50,379
	Capital	427,541	244,773	84,530	98,238
	S.I.	1,025,385	277,713	376,484	271,188

Lights and Lines	P.S.	508,055	496,265	0	11,780
	O.M.	925,325	870,365	54,066	894
	Capital	8,078	0	0	8,078
Engineering Administration	P.S.	154,517	138,371	0	16,145
	O.M.	151,818	1,192	108	518
Parks	P.S.	269,527	264,307	0	5,230
	O.M.	46,162	30,395	9,154	6,618
Sewers	P.S.	181,090	179,928	0	1,162
	O.M.	79,650	76,404	1,352	1,894
	Capital	202,000	171,808	39,788	404
Highway	P.S.	895,583	964,058	0	31,525
	O.M.	758,036	573,863	41,764	142,408
Sanitation	P.S.	1,212,859	1,185,764	0	27,095
	O.M.	1,357,300	877,518	463,450	16,332
Buildings	P.S.	584,771	565,718	0	19,054
	O.M.	1,056,294	750,402	156,783	149,109
	Capital	10,000	5,467	865	3,668
Water	P.S.	443,730	425,235	0	18,495
	O.M.	135,305	73,307	21,190	40,807
	Capital	155,768	77,950	9,192	68,626
Workers' Compensation	S.I.	4,025,836	3,973,643	32,497	19,695
	P.S.	145,000	125,313	0	19,687
	O.M.	196,943	151,824	25,773	19,346
	P.S.	42,168	3,647	0	38,522
Unemployment	O.M.	1,433,246	1,304,739	104,411	24,096
Non-Contributory Pensions	O.M.	39,782	39,548	0	234
Non-Contributory Annuities	O.M.	79,000	71,380	0	7,620
Section 101	P.S.	5,661,822	5,562,277	0	99,545
Pension Accumulation Fund	O.M.	77,140	0	0	77,140
	S.I.	450,000	636,685	0	176,685

Judgments & Settlements	O.M.	356,156	231,368	0	124,788
Contingency	P.S.	16,579	44,509	0	12,070
Uncollected	O.M.	0	300	0	<300>

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

July 1, 1987

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred sixteenth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1987.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For Dog Licenses issued in FY 1986-1987:

656 Males at \$3.00	\$ 1,968.00
123 Females at \$6.00	738.00
337 Spayed at \$3.00	1,011.00
1 Kennel at \$10.00	10.00
2 Kennel at \$25.00	50.00
3 Transfers at \$.25	.75
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	\$ 3,777.75

For Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued in FY 1986-1987:

489 Fishing at \$12.50	\$ 6,112.50
17 Fishing (Age 65-69) at \$6.25	106.25
221 Hunting at \$12.50	2,762.50
3 Hunting (Age 65-69) at \$6.25	18.75
115 Sporting at \$19.50	2,242.50
4 Sporting (Age 65-69) at \$9.75	39.00
14 Minor Fishing at \$6.50	91.00
9 Res. Alien Fishing at \$14.50	130.50
49 Res. Alien Hunting at \$19.50	955.50
4 Non-Res. Cit./Alien Fishing at \$17.50	70.00
3 Non-Res. Cit./Alien Fishing (7 Days) at \$11.50	34.50
1 Non-Res. Cit./Alien Hunt. (Sm. Game) at \$23.50	23.50
8 Duplicates at \$2.00	16.00
79 Waterfowl Stamps at \$1.25	98.75
28 Archery Stamps at \$5.10	142.80
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	\$12,844.05

Recording Mortgages, Assignments, etc.	\$ 9,854.00
Certificates of Marriage Intentions	5,660.00
Furnishing Copies of Records	28,919.48
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	\$44,433.48

LICENSES:

Auctioneers:

2 at \$ 5.00

2 at \$ 25.00

\$ 60.00

Billiard, Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys:

1 at \$ 15.00 (Billiard Table)

1 at \$ 30.00 (Billiard Table)

10 at \$ 15.00 (Pool Tables)

1 at \$ 30.00 (Pool Table)

28 at \$ 15.00 (Bowling Alleys)

3 at \$ 30.00 (Bowling Alleys

735.00

Bus Routes

20.00

Constables

450.00

Garages:

3 at \$ 25.00

75.00

Garage Renewals

2,562.50

Hackney Carriages:

112 at \$ 50.00

5,600.00

Collect Junk:

1 at \$ 50.00

50.00

Junk Dealers:

9 at \$100.00

900.00

Junk Shop:

14 at \$ 50.00

700.00

Lodging Houses:

31 at \$ 50.00

1,550.00

Outdoor Parking:

1256 at \$ 2.00

2,512.00

Projection Over Sidewalk:

5 at \$ 25.00

125.00

Raffle and Bazaar Permits

390.00

Second-Hand Auto Dealers:

73 at \$ 75.00

11 at \$100.00

3 at \$150.00

7,025.00

Special Police

1,275.00

Steam Engine

20.00

Storage of Explosives:

1 at \$ 50.00

1 at \$100.00

5 at \$300.00

1,650.00

Storage of Explosives — Renewals

12,035.00

Sworn Weighers

225.00

Taxi Stand Licenses:

39 at \$ 10.00

390.00

Transient Vendors:

14 at \$ 52.00

728.00

Advertising

415.00

Certified Mail

68.13

City Charter	6.00
Conduits	210.00
Copies of Condominium Conversion Books	397.00
Copies of Zoning Ordinances	3,229.00
Duplicate Dog Tags	9.75
Fair Housing Ordinances	4.00
Historic Dist. Comm.	10.00
Intrim Planning District Ordinances	149.50
Physician Registration	10.00
	<u>\$88,109.36</u>

To the City Treasurer for Dog Licenses in FY 1986-1987:

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3 Transfers at \$.25		.75	
		<u>\$ 3,777.75</u>	
Less City Clerk's Fees			
1119 at \$.75	\$839.25		
3 Trans. at \$.25	<u>.75</u>	<u>- 840.00</u>	
			\$ 2,937.75

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for Fishing,
Hunting Licenses, etc. in FY 1986-1987:

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		<u>\$12,844.05</u>	
Less City Clerk's Fees			
929 at \$.50	\$464.50		
79 at \$.25	19.75		
26 at \$.10	<u>2.80</u>	<u>- 487.05</u>	
			\$12,357.00

To City Treasurer Monthly

All the receipts above specified except for
Fishing, Hunting Licenses and Dog Licenses.

\$ 88,019.36

Total including Fishing, Hunting and Dog Licenses

\$103,314.11

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Besides the Licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of Receipts, Licenses and Permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge as follows:

- 1 Assembly
- 3 Block Party
- 1 Farmers Market
- 1 Outdoor Festival
- 2 Peace Vigil — Davis Square
- 1 Road Race
- 1 Sacred Concert
- 1 Sidewalk Sale
- 1 Toll Road
- 3 Walk-A-Thon

CITY ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1987

TOTAL VOTES CAST			14,466
	Number on Tape Read	Unread	Total
MAYOR			
Eugene C. Brune			11,268
Albert Joseph Onessimo			2,011
Write-Ins			93
Blanks			1,094
TOTAL			14,466
ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE			
Michael E. Capuano			7,476
Vincent Paul Ciampa			6,728
Helen Corrigan			6,703
Patricia A. Berg			6,430
John J. Howe			5,528
John T. Kiely			4,681
Kevin J. Palmer			2,358
Catherine (Cathy) Qualitz			3,852
Write-Ins			72
Blanks			14,035
TOTAL			57,864
ALDERMAN – WARD ONE			
Michael A. Gentile			1,496
Write-Ins			36
Blanks			401
TOTAL			1,927
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD ONE			
Celia L. Courtney			1,444
Write-Ins			60
Blanks			
TOTAL			
ALDERMAN – WARD TWO			
Robert P. Callahan			1,228
Write-Ins			36
Blanks			308
TOTAL			1,572
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD TWO			
Patricia D. Jehlen			1,214
Write-Ins			34
Blanks			324
TOTAL			1,572

ALDERMAN – WARD THREE

Thomas F. Taylor	1,220
Sheila Houghton	1,187
Blanks	103
TOTAL	2,510

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD THREE

Dorothy A. Gay	1,788
Write-Ins	42
Blanks	680
TOTAL	2,510

ALDERMAN – WARD FOUR

John R. Buonomo	1,223
Richard Nazzaro	551
Write-Ins	7
Blanks	167
TOTAL	1,948

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD FOUR

Maryann C. Cappello	1,494
Jean E. Leavitt	248
Write-Ins	8
Blanks	98
TOTAL	1,948

ALDERMAN – WARD FIVE

Joseph R. Macaluso	1,512
Matthew J. Buckley	750
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	138
TOTAL	2,403

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD FIVE

Stanley M. Koty, Jr.	1,469
Joyce A. Pulcini	784
Write-Ins	4
Blanks	144
TOTAL	2,403

ALDERMAN – WARD SIX

John M. Connolly	1,497
Write-Ins	41
Blanks	549
TOTAL	2,087

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD SIX

Julie Ann DiPasquale	1,558
Write-Ins	26
Blanks	503
TOTAL	2,087

ALDERMAN – WARD SEVEN

Cathleen O'Dea	1,512
Write-Ins	38
Blanks	469
TOTAL	2,019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WARD SEVEN

Paul L. Duhamel	1,465
Write-Ins	38
Blanks	516
TOTAL	2,019

**SOMERVILLE FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/88-12/31/88**

Submitted by the Fair Housing Commission

**Stephen M. Post, City Representative, Chair
Jack Hamilton, Community Representative
Judith Liben, Civil Rights Representative**

Joshua Greenberg, Staffperson

April 27, 1989

FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

The Fair Housing Commission submits the following report on its activities for the period 1/1/88 through 12/31/88. The report is divided into three sections which represent the Commission's activities and endeavors. These are: discrimination complaints; workshops/education; and Commission concerns for the coming year.

I. Discrimination Complaints

The Commission has received 29 complaints of discrimination in housing during the twelve month period under review. Complaints filed with another body (e.g. those filed directly with MCAD) are included in this total. The breakdown for type of discrimination alleged is (totals more than number of complainants due to multiple allegations in a single complaint):

Race/national origin	— 10
Source of income	— 11
Children	— 5
Marital status	— 2
Sex	— <u>3</u>
TOTAL	31

The outcome of these complaints breaks down as follows:

Filed with MCAD	— 5
Referred to other	— 4
Testing	— 4
Court	— 1
Not Filed	— <u>15</u>
TOTAL	29

As you can see from the above statistics, the majority of cases alleged discrimination on the basis of race or source of income. Discrimination against holders of housing subsidies is especially widespread in the City.

The most blatant example of discrimination during the past year occurred when a realtor at Bremis Realty allegedly informed a black woman that he could not show her an apartment due to her color because the landlord did not want blacks living there. Bremis was tested by the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and found to discriminate when a black tester was told the same thing by a different agent. The Lawyers Committee is currently representing the original complainant in a civil action.

Discrimination against subsidy holders is the more typical type of complaint received by the Commission. In many cases, a subsidy-holder may be discriminated-against numerous times before locating an apartment.

While the Commission was able to aid five complainants to file an official complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD),

and referred an additional nine complaints for testing by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights or mediation by the Somerville Corporation mediation program, the majority were not pursued by the complainants. The Commission feels that a local investigation would have been appropriate in a number of these cases.

II. Education and Outreach

The Commission has regularly provided the community with information on the Fair Housing laws through articles in the local newspapers, cable television broadcasts, advertising on the MBTA and in local media, and the distribution of Fair Housing materials to local businesses and service providers.

The Commission has targeted four groups for especial attention: students; tenants seeking subsidized units; landlords/realtors; and human service providers.

1. *Landlords/Realtors.* The Commission recently sponsored a highly successful workshop attended by approximately 60 landlords and realtors on a variety of issues related to fair housing (held in February 1989). Mayor Brune opened the discussion with a review of the City's commitment to decent, affordable and fair housing. Topics covered during this workshop included: changes in the fair housing and lead paint laws, housing subsidies, and housing search benefits, with representatives from the Somerville Housing Authority, the Office of Planning and Community Development, and the Cambridge/Somerville Housing Search Program. As a result, three landlords are currently working with the Housing Search Program to place homeless families in subsidized housing. The Commission has scheduled another workshop for realtors in conjunction with Fair Housing Month.

2. *Tenants with housing subsidies.* As stated above, discrimination against subsidy-holders is particularly widespread. The Commission has begun to hold monthly workshops for those Somerville families participating in the Department of Public Welfare Housing Search program. At present, there are 29 homeless families from Somerville on this caseload. The workshops are designed to educate these families on the Fair Housing law, give them some idea of how to identify discriminatory practices, and provide them with information about the Somerville Fair Housing Commission in the event they need additional information or wish to press their complaints.

3. *School presentations.* During Fair Housing Month (April 1988) the Commission sponsored a number of talks in the high school, as well as an essay and poster contest. The Commission is currently working with the Somerville Community Housing Resource Board on a long-term fair housing curriculum for high school students.

4. *Human service providers.* The Commission has done extensive outreach work among the human service community. Often, these workers are the initial source of fair housing information for many of their clients. The staffperson to the Commission regularly attends the monthly meetings of the Somerville Coalition for Racial and Ethnic Justice, the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Homeless-

ness, and chairs the Housing Subcommittee of the Somerville Committee for Multicultural Understanding. Fair Housing issues are frequent agenda items at each of these meetings.

The Commission sponsored a workshop on housing subsidies and Fair Housing law in November 1988 for the City's housing advocates. The Commission co-sponsored the "Nuts and Bolts" conference held at Harvard University which brought together 200 participants in October 1988 to discuss housing law and state subsidy programs. The Commission has helped to organize several additional conferences and workshops during the current year (1989), including the recent "Somerville: There's Room for Us All" conference sponsored by the Coalition for Racial and Ethnic Justice.

III. Commission Concerns

The Commission has prioritized three issues of particular concern for the coming year. These are: lead paint, the needs of newcomers in the City, and establishing a more active role for the Commission.

1. Discrimination against families with young children due to the presence of lead paint in a unit has become increasingly significant since the passage of the Amendments to the State Lead Paint Law in 1987. This law carries with it significant liability should a child be poisoned, whether or not the landlord was aware of the presence of lead paint. While the law specifies that discriminating against families due to the presence of lead paint is not a legal way of avoiding the provisions of the law, many property owners view discrimination as the lesser of two evils.

Fortunately, Somerville has a well-funded and extensive lead paint removal program run through the OPCD Housing Rehab Office. The Commission's efforts have thus far been geared toward educating landlords and realtors about the provisions of the law, and providing information on the lead paint removal programs.

2. Newcomers and immigrants face particular problems in the rental housing market, including sub-standard accommodations, rent-gouging, overcrowding, and vulnerability to retaliatory actions by landlords. The Commission has begun discussion of producing information booklets in a variety of languages for newcomers on housing-related concerns. Such a project would, however, require financial support for translation services and production costs.
3. The Commission strongly feels that a more active local response to reports of housing discrimination would reduce the extent of discriminatory practices in the City. In a number of cases, complainants were willing to have the Commission investigate and attempt to mediate their complaints, but unwilling to file charges with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

At the present time, the Fair Housing Ordinance is ambiguously worded in this regard. While the Board of Aldermen reportedly considered investigation

and mediation by the Commission to be important components of its Fair Housing work, the Ordinance as written states that all complaints within the jurisdiction of MCAD shall be forwarded to them, thus precluding local efforts. The Commission has drafted proposed changes to the Ordinance, currently under review by the Law Department, which would remove this ambiguity.

Clearly, the Commission will continue to aid complainants to file complaints with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination whenever possible. However, the Commission believes that in certain instances discriminatory housing practices may be more effectively eliminated through local, rather than state-level action. The Commission looks forward to discussing its concerns with the Board upon submission of the proposed revisions to the Fair Housing Ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

1. Accidents (All Vehicles)		182
2. Assist (Police, Citizen)		43
3. Automobile and Vehicle Fires		261
4. Bobm Scars		46
5. Clothes Dryer		16
6. Down Wires		30
7. Dumpsters		62
8. Electrical		93
9. Alarms (Total)		2,528
A. Accidental	115	
B. False (Boxes)	1,163	
C. False (Telephone)	80	
D. Faulty Systems	946	
E. Needless	224	
10. Fires (Residential)		113
11. Fires (Buildings, Including Apartment Buildings)		61
12. Gas and Oil Leaks		62
13. Food on Stove		388
14. Furnace		101
15. Lock Outs		145
16. Medical		912
17. Miscellaneous		65
18. Outside Fires		355
19. Smoke Investigations		223
20. Washdowns		161
21. Water Problems		235
22. Mutual Aid Responses		
Arlington		16
Cambridge		95
Chelsea		1
Everett		23
Boston		54
Medford		8
Brookline		2
Watertown		1
Winchester		2
Revere		1
Belmont		1
Malden		2

July 27, 1988

Chief of the Fire Department
266 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145

Re: Fire Prevention Annual Report (7-1-87 to 6-30-88)

Dear Chief Scalesse:

The following Annual Report reflects the activities of the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

The following inspections were made:

Smoke alarms Section 26 F	649
Smoke alarms Section 26 E	254
Smoke alarms Section 26 C	40
Oil burner installations	139
Quarterly inspections of nursing homes, hospitals, lodging houses & clinics	57
Annual license inspections.	7
Tank trucks	5
Site Assessments 21E	30

Supervised:

Underground storage tanks removed	43
Underground storage tanks installed	18

Permits issued and delivered:

Flammable.	170
Underground storage facilities	123

Citizen complaints and follow-up Red card complaints

from Fire companies	1300
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Fees collected by the Bureau of Fire Prevention \$23,890.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Doherty
Deputy Chief
Fire Prevention Bureau

**BOARD OF HEALTH
ANNUAL REPORT
CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
YEAR – 1987**

BOARD MEMBERS:

**Dr. David Osler, Chairman
Mrs. Loretta McLaughlin, Member
Mr. John Gentile, Member
Mr. Paul X. Murphy, Director**

BOARD OF HEALTH – 1987

To the Honorable Mayor, and
Board of Aldermen
City Hall
Somerville, MA 02143

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following which is a summary of the activities of the Board of Health.

Respectfully,

Paul X. Murphy, Director
Board of Health

Animal bites reported to Board of Health	– 91
Dog Bites	– 85
Cat Bites	– <u>6</u>
Total Bites	– 91

The above animal bites were reported to the Animal Officer for appropriate action.

Where possible, the animal was ordered restrained.

The yearly rabies clinic was conducted at the rear of the Public Works Building on Saturday, April 4, 1987.

44 dogs were inoculated @ \$5.00 each.

Total collected \$220.00

LICENSES – PERMITS – INOCULATIONS

Cash Received for the following:

1. Food Service Permits	3 Permits	@ 12.50	\$ 40.50
2. Food Service Permits . . . . .	.295 Permits	@ 25.00	7,375.00
3. Retail Food Permits. . . . .	.399 Permits	@ 25.00	9,975.00
4. Milk & Ice Cream Combination . . .	.181 Permits	@ 15.00	2,715.00
5. Milk Licenses	46 Permits	@ 10.00	460.00
6. Ice Cream Licenses	14 Permits	@ 5.00	70.00
7. Ice Cream Manufacturing	21 Permits	@ 5.00	105.00
8. Rabies Inoculation.	44 Inocula	@ 5.00	220.00
9. Funeral Directors Licenses	11 Licenses	@ 10.00	110.00
10. Public Swimming Pools.	3 Permits	@ 25.00	75.00
11. Public Steam Baths	2 Permits	@ 25.00	50.00
Total Cash Received			<u>\$21,195.50</u>

SANITARY INSPECTION DIVISION

Sanitary Inspection Division conducted the following:

1. Routine inspection of food establishments, schools, nursing homes, and day care centers.
2. Citizens complaints (See list following)
3. Departmental referrals
4. Complaints from various agencies.

Following is a summary of complaints conducted by the Sanitary inspectors:

1. Rubbish/garbage	370
2. Dumpsters	34
3. Animals (dogs, cats, birds, pests, etc.)	32
4. Vacant/parking lots	11
5. Odors/smoke/environment	36
6. Hedges/bushes/shrubs	21
7. Variety/bakery/grocery stores	26
8. Restaurants/Theaters	20
9. Miscellaneous	<u>27</u>
Total complaints inspected	577

Food establishments inspected twice a year	758
Citations issued to restaurants/stores for violations	57
Mobile units inspected	7

HOUSING INSPECTION DIVISION

Housing Inspection Division conducted the following:

Breakdown of Telephone Complaints	1987
1. Unsanitary conditions in house	26
2. Rubbish/garbage	296
3. Plumbing	98
4. Electrical	38
5. Heat	125
6. Rodents (mice/rats)	204
7. Interior & exterior.	63
8. Dogs, cats, etc.	41
9. Roaches.	74
10. Miscellaneous	204
11. Water sewage	25
Total Complaints	1194
On-site Animal Control (trappings)	30
On-site Area's baited by Health Department (Rodent Control)	90
Referrals to Various City Departments	168
Total Initial Full Housing Inspections Conducted	426
Units in Violation	249
Re-inspections Conducted	1123
Dwelling Unit Violations Corrected.	171
Breakdown of Court Cases:	
Superior Court Cases (appearances).	3
Court Complaints (Trials)	26
Court Appearances	46
Legal Notices Served (Regular Mail)	561
Legal Notices Served (Certified Mail).	345
	906

*Some re-inspections conducted because original inspection made prior to January 1, 1987.

MEDICAL DIVISION

The following is a list of biological and diagnostic supplies issued to local hospitals, clinics and physicians in the City of Somerville upon request:

Biologicals:	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis
	Diphtheria, Tetanus (children's dosage)
	Tetanus and Diphtheria (adult dosage)
	Immune Serum Globulin
	Tuberculin (P.P.D. Mantoux)
	Oral Polio Sabin
	Tetanus Toxoid

Typhoid
 Measles, Mumps & Rubella (German Measles)
 (combination only)
 HIB Vaccine

Diagnostic Outfits: Enteric Cultures, Serology Tubes, Campylobacter Outfits

Clinics and hospitals located in the City of Somerville:

1. Board of Health Clinic Basement of City Hall
2. Central Hospital 26 Central Street
3. Somerville Hospital 236 Highland Avenue
4. Family Practice Center 1020 Broadway
5. Mystic Health Center Zero River Road
6. East Somerville Health Center 61 Glen Street
7. Health Stop 33 Bow Street

Review of Public Health Procedures:

Weekly Immunization Clinic Conducted:
 Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Free of Charge

Age Group	M.M.R.	Polio	D.T.P.	T.D.	P.P.D.	
					Male	Female
Under One year of age						
1 to 4 years of age	4	4	4		2	7
5 to 9 years of age	3	2	1	1	1	13
10 to 14 years of age	8	10		10	0	10
15 to 19 years of age	7	3		5	2	9
20 years of age & over	3	1	—	3	0	0
Totals	25	20	5	19	5	39

Tuberculin Testing Conducted

Location	Age	Male	Female	Neg.	Pos.	Refer.
1. Board of Health Clinic	20+	21	116	137	10	10
*2. Local Industrial Plant		0	0	0	0	0
3. Day Care Center		0	0	0	0	0
4. Food Establishment		0	0	0	0	0

Total Tested:

* Follow-up conducted 3 months after original testing.

**Referral made to appropriate agency when positive test found..

1. T.B. admission to Cambridge Hospital 0 Male 0 Female 0
2. T.B. admission to Waltham San 2 Male 1 Female 1
3. T.B. treated with Medication 15 Male 7 Female 8

Contagious Diseases Reported to the Board of Health

1. Campylobacter	26	10. Tuberculosis	16
2. Chicken Pox	18	11. Whooping Cough	0
3. HIB Flu	03	12. Malaria	0
4. Giardiasis	11	13. Leprosy	02
5. Listeriosis	0	14. Amebiasis	01
6. Hepatitis	30	15. Food Poisoning	01
7. Meningitis	03	16. Measles	02
8. Legionellosis	0	17. Yersiniosis	03
9. Salmonella	31	18. Lyme Disease	01

The following procedure takes place after verification of Contagious Diseases:

1. Follow-up when necessary
2. Report sent to Mass. Dept. of Public Health
3. Cultures taken when necessary
4. Contacts tested and referred
5. Home visit – checking medication

BOARD OF HEALTH FLU CENTER — 1987

Flu inoculation administered to residents of Somerville 60 years of age and over,
School Personnel, Nursing Homes, City Employees and patients with chronic diseases.

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
1. Board of Health Clinics							
2. Homebound — Public Health Nurse	468	543	547	277	447	228	325
3. School Personnel — School Nurses	31	25	58	20	22	28	25
4. Aging Center	83	54	136	118	137	165	155
5. Bryant Manor/Windsor House	0	0	0	176	166	133	217
6. Faulkner Apartments	105	57	61	64	83	92	104
7. Highland Gardens	50	75	79	70	75	83	70
8. Warren Ave. Manor	58	50	41	50	31	38	36
9. Weston Manor	89	80	69	46	91	56	72
10. Capen Court	150	119	153	106	53	147	113
11. Prospect Hill Manor	73	68	52	60	76	48	77
12. Corbett Apartments	84	64	84	84	84	96	91
13. Ciarnoa Manor	108	74	91	70	97	86	100
14. Cobble Hill Apartments	0	0	0	15	27	20	82
15. Cross Street Elderly	0	23	62	71	60	82	49
16. S.P.A.L.	0	54	125	62	93	62	91
17. Holy Rosary Home	0	0	0	0	0	33	22
18. Visiting Nurses	110	100	180	150	120	120	94
19. Mt. Pleasant Apartments	0	0	0	28	20	20	38
20. Somerville Hospital	0	42	35	29	29	0	—
21. Nursing Homes	0	0	0	0	73	70	50
22. Privante Physicians	0	236	205	210	213	210	126
23. Ames Envelope	0	120	94	79	60	60	55
Totals	0	0	57	71	98	70	55
	1,409	1,784	2,129	1,856	2,155	1,947	2,047

MORTALITY – 1987

Deaths by Ages	Males	Females	Total
Under One Year	2	1	3
One to Five Years	0	1	1
Five to Ten Years	0	0	0
Ten to Fifteen Years	0	0	0
Fifteen to Twenty Years	1	0	1
Twenty to Thirty Years	3	2	5
Forty to Fifty Years	5	2	7
Fifty to Sixty Years	29	17	46
Sixty to Seventy Years	49	23	72
Eighty to Ninety Years	38	82	120
Ninety to One-Hundred Years	8	42	50
Over One-Hundred Years	0	1	1
Totals	197	215	412

Deaths at Institutions

1. Deaths at Somerville Hospital	190
2. Deaths at Central Hospital	1
3. Deaths at Jeanne Jugan Residence	29
4. Deaths at other places	192

Deaths During the Last 10 Years

1978 – 452	1980 – 484	1982 – 461	1984 – 468	1986 – 398
1979 – 450	1981 – 463	1983 – 468	1985 – 460	1987 – 412

CAUSES OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1987

CLASSIFICATIONS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTALS
1. Infective and Parasitic Diseases (Septicemia, T.B., Viral)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2. Neoplasms (Tumors, Malignant or Benign)	6	3	4	8	2	5	6	2	5	2	5	5	53
3. Endocrine, Nutritional, Metabolic Diseases (Diabetes, Gout)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
4. Diseases of Blood — Blood Forming Organs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
5. Mental Disorders	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
6. Diseases of the Nervous System — Sense Organs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
7. Diseases of the Circulatory System	23	34	18	28	25	18	15	10	22	23	15	23	254
8. Diseases of the Respiratory System	5	6	6	9	4	2	5	2	5	4	0	3	51
9. Diseases of the Digestive System (Ulcers, Liver, etc.)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
10. Diseases of the Genitourinary System (Kidney, etc.)	1	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	11
11. Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, Puerperium	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12. Diseases of Skin — Subcutaneous Tissue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Diseases of Musculoskeletal System — Tissue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Congenital Anomalies (Deviations)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity — Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Symptoms — Ill-Defined Conditions	0	0	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	5	1	2	21
17. Accidents, Poisonings — Violence	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	5
Totals	37	48	33	48	35	32	30	19	35	36	23	36	412

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORTING FORM

School: SOMERVILLE
Year: 1986 - 1987

I. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

MDPH/DFHS

Grade	Reason for Exam	EXAMINATIONS					FINDINGS			FOLLOW-UP							Hgt. & Wgt. graphed	Abnormal or being followed
		By Local Physician	By School Physician	By SNP	Total Exams	Internal health n(x)'s or Interviews	Children with new defects	Children with previously known defects	Already under care	Referrals made	Under care	No R(X) Needed	Incomplete	n.	m.	o.		
K	b.	915	156		1071	14	14	19	21	9	4	2				82		
	T																	
IV	Sp																	
	R	369	117		486	47	13	4	5	12	10	1	2			110		2
	T	45	27		72	27										27		
Bi-Lingual	Sp																	
	R	30	101		131	101	8			10	10					101		
	T	41	10		51		2		2									
Emotion Disturb & Learn Disabil	Sp																	
	R	11	6		17		1	2	2	1			1			6		
	T																	
Smile & Pre-School	Sp																	
	R		28		28	28	1	2	2	1	1					28		
	T																	
Sports	Sp																	
	R																	
	T																	
All Other	Sp																	
	R	104	9		113	2	3		2	1				1		2		
	T																	
Total	all	1515	454		1969	219	42	27	34	34	25	3	4			356		2

R = regular T = transfer Sp = special regions

II. VISION TESTING

School: SOMERVILLE
Year: 1986 - 1987

Grade	Number Tested	Total Failures	NEW FAILURES					KNOWN/REPEAT FAILURES							n. # Completed from Last Year	o. Under Care	p. No R(X) Needed
			c. New Failures	d. # Referred	Follow-up			h. Repeat Failures	i. Under Appropriate Care	j. # Referred	Follow-up						
					e. Under Care	f. No R(X) Needed	g. Incomplete				k. Under Care	l. No R(X) Needed	m. Incomplete				
K	574	52	34				18										
1	673	31	16				15										
2	543	12	4				8										
3	561	29	6				23										
4	553	22	3				19										
5	532	19	3				16										
6	546	22	4				18										
7	557	20	6				14										
8	586	21	3				18										
9	490	16	6				10										
Smile	24	1	1				-										
Special	143	18	8				10										
Bi-Ling	263	17	11				6										
Ungraded																	
Early Screening	468	62	62				-										
Total	6513	342	167				175										

III. HEARING TESTING

School: SOMERVILLE Schools
Year: 1986 - 1987

Grade	Number Tested	Total Failures	NEW FAILURES					KNOWN/REPEAT FAILURES								# Completed from Last Year	Under Care	No R(X) Needed
			New Failures	# Referred	Follow-up			Repeat Failures	Under Appropriate Care	# Referred	Follow-up							
					e.	f.	g.				Under Care	No R(X) Needed	Incomplete	Under Care	No R(X) Needed			
a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.	h.	i.	j.	k.	l.	m.	n.	o.	p.			
K	574	52	34				18											
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Total	6513	342	167				175											

IV. HEALTH COUNSELLING BY NURSES & PHYSICIANS

School: SOMERVILLE

Year: 1986 - 1987

	Counselling Topic or Subject a.	(TYPE) (✓)		CLIENTELE (✓)					NUMBER SERVED			Referrals made to: k.
		b. Alone	c. As Member of Team	d. Students	e. Parents	f. Staff	g. Other: (Specify)	h. Individuals Counselled	i. # of Sessions Held	j. Attendance Per Session		
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING	Hygiene	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	58	37	21	Parents	
	Alcohol – Drugs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		5	35		
	Smoking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	56	56			
	Diabetes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	4	7	Joslin Clinic	
	Obesity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	24			
	Health Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	69	6	30		
	Child Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	39	16	19	D.S.S., Bi-Ling Dept., Sch. Adj. Council	
	Growth/Development											
GROUP COUNSELLING	Sex Education: pregnancy/menstruation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	231	18	61	St. Margaret's Hospital Cambridge Adoles. Clinic	
	Hypertension Medication Complaints	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	21			Pvt. Physician	
	First Aid: Poison/Seizures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	125	7	50		
	Hygiene/Exercise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	610	26	60	Parents	
	Health Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	110	5	50		
	Alcohol/Drug Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	1	100		
	Diabetes/Diet/Obesity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	31	16	31		

XI. 766 INVOLVEMENT BY NURSES

	766 Activity	# Sessions Attended	# Children Served
a	3-4 yr. old screenings	40	72
b.	Pre-K screenings	3	26
c.	Physical Assessments	12	32
d.	Home Assessments	3	3
e.	Team Conferences	55	49
f.	Other:	43	58
g.	Other:	51	51

VII. IMMUNIZATIONS

	DPT	Polio	MMR	T.D.
Initial Series		92	106	90
Boosters		314	108	535
Throat Cultures - 249				

VIII. TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING

	Tested Used	# Tested	# Read	# Positive	# Referred	False Positive	Under Care	Incomplete
Entrants	Sclavo	70	70	2	2		2	
	P.P.D.	60	60	15	15		15	
Transfers	P.P.D.	54	54					
Staff	P.P.D.	28	28	10				

IX. ADDITIONAL REPORTS OR DATA

(attach as appropriate)

X. RURAL SCREENING FINAL REPORT

School: SOMERVILLE
Year: 1986 - 1987

SCREENING RESULTS					RESULTS OF PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION										COMMENTS		
Grade M - Male F - Female	Total Numbers Screened	1	2	3	4	5	Diagnosis				Recommended Treatment					Follow-up Incom- plete	
							6	7	8	9	Other	Observation	Bracing	Surgery			None/ Un- known	13
							Scoliosis	Kyphosis	Normal								
5M	332		5	4	3	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	
5F	337		6	13	13	4	3	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	
6M	284		2	7	7	3	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
6F	265		3	9	6	4	0	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	
7M	302		4	10	0	3	0	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	-	
7F	262		10	5	2	2	0	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	
8M	273		2	5	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	
8F	305		15	7	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	
9M	62		-	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9F	58		-	2	2	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	2480		47	63	36	26	9	-	3	3	12	-	1	3	11	-	

DIRECTIONS:

A single report to the entire school system is preferred, however, a separate report to each school may be sent if you wish.

1. SCREENING RESULTS:

- record numbers in each column for appropriate grade and sex of children screened.
- column 4 is for those children with questionable findings at this screening who have not been referred to a physician.

2. RESULTS OF PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION:

- This section should report the results of medical findings on children referred from *this year's* screening.
 - column 13 indicates those children who were diagnosed by a physician but the treatment recommended for them is unknown to you.
- ## 3. FOLLOW-UP INCOMPLETE:
- column 14 indicates those children who were referred but for whom either no report has been received from their physician or whose parents have not completed the follow-up.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY
of the
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
Massachusetts
for the year 1987

ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY PERSONNEL

December 31, 1987

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Term Expires

Mrs. Margaret Grogan, President	January, 1988
Mrs. Luci Spinale, Vice President	January, 1990
Mr. Joseph Butler	January, 1988
Dr. Leo Donahue	January, 1990
Mrs. Annie L. Johnson	January, 1989
Mrs. Mary T. MacIsaac	January, 1989
Ms. Lillian Riley	January, 1989
Rev. Martin J. Goshgarian	January, 1988
One Vacancy	

LIBRARY STAFF – 1987

Paul A. DeAngelis	Director
Thelma G. Donovan	Assistant Director
Alix Minton	Administrative Assistant
Mary Faith Baker	Bookmobile Librarian
Barbara B. Bannick	Reference Librarian
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Rita M. Jones	First Assistant – East
Karen Kramer	First Assistant – Adult Services
Lois Lamborghini	First Assistant – West
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George Pierce	First Assistant – Circulation
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Pamela B. Colt	Senior Assistant – Reference
Annamarie DiCecca	Senior Assistant – East
Kathleen M. Evans	Senior Assistant – Catalog
Patricia F. Hall	Senior Assistant – Catalog
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Lillian C. Pisani	Senior Assistant – West
Geraldine Yeramian	Senior Assistant – AV

C. Jennifer Harris	Junior Assistant – Circulation
Ann Spindler	Junior Assistant – Catalog

Part-time Attendants

Catherine R. Coffin	Prabha Joshi
Lucy Costa	Steven C. McNerny
Ellen Czar	Celia Miller
Julie Czar	Joyce Nunnally
Nilda DaRosa	Gemima Remy
Think Do	Elizabeth L. Sampson
Freweini Ghebremicael	Martha Sonderman
Christine Hayes	

Lillian G. Casey.	Volunteer
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Staff Retirements

Doris P. Donovan	Margaret E. Ronayne
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Staff Resignations

Paula E. Burne	Maria C. McEachern
Jennifer J. Danly	Barbara A. Perry
Michelle Jones	Diana Pierce
Jennefer Krueger	Patricia J. Renaud

Part-time Resignations

Jenny Alcott	Patricia Keefe
Daniel Boudreau	Kathleen Kelliher
Kerrie-Leigh Fallon	RitaRose Kemp
Jacqueline Fitzgerald	Diane N. Lodi
Kenneth Hoag	Laurie Souza
Michael Janson	Jessie Stodder
Marlene Keddy	Phan Van

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, and forming a part of it, the Annual Report of the Director of Libraries, which details the growth and operation of the Library for the past year.

Respectfully,

Margaret Grogan, President
Board of Library Trustees

To the Board of Trustees
of the Somerville Public Library

I feel that 1987 was a year of transition for the Somerville Public Library. The Library's computerized circulation system has been operating for a full year among the three Somerville libraries. It has proven to be one of the elements which have made the Somerville system become one functioning unit. One result of this has been that the staff and I have been working toward getting certain procedures up-dated to reflect and make better use of the system.

Our book ordering system has been computerized and books are now ready for the shelf about two weeks sooner than with the old method. Along with this, a new book selection process has been devised utilizing most of the professional staff's knowledge, experience and interests. Formerly, two professional staff members had selected most of the adult books. There are now about eight staff involved in this task and this input has helped to improve the collection.

Another task that was completed was the revision of the Library's Personnel Handbook. Several staff members helped to update this document to reflect the many changes that have occurred since its previous revision in 1962.

A third project has been the revision of procedures to reorder lost books or to delete them from our data base so that the data base will be a true reflection of what the Library owns.

The staff has worked diligently on these systems which have needed revision for several years. The computerization of services has made us more aware that our old systems were not working effectively.

The Minuteman Network has really been a great service to Somerville residents and taxpayers. We now borrow thousands of books a year from the nineteen other Minuteman libraries, most of which are received within two days. In the past, interlibrary loan was so slow and unreliable that many of these books had to be purchased by Somerville. We can now be more selective and purchase more new books while we borrow older items or books we cannot or choose not to purchase. The Library has acquired a C.D. ROM computer which gives access to the complete Minuteman data base to the public through the use of a user friendly computer. This is an intermediate step before the library catalog goes on line with public access terminals.

Three grants were awarded to the Library this year. The Children's Department was awarded \$6,200.00 for the purchase of audio visual equipment to use with children from the Mystic Projects. The Library has purchased a computer and printer, an overhead projector, an opaque projector, a laminating machine, a slide-tape projector, two portable tape recorders, and a tape duplicator. Another grant was awarded to the Adult Services and the Audio Visual Departments in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of foreign language books and records for new immigrant groups settling in Somerville. We hope to attract these newcomers to the Library with these purchases.

The Somerville Library was selected to receive a telefacsimile machine as part of another grant. Borrowers can now receive periodical and other articles within a day or two which our library does not own. This means patrons do not have to go into Boston or surrounding cities to get information. It can now be retrieved through telephone wire in hard copy. We have seen the greatest change during this year in what new technology is providing at the library.

Our collection of video cassettes and compact disks is growing steadily. This year we have also added books on cassette to our audio visual department. The public is always eager for the library to have the latest in audio visual technology. All of these items are popular with our borrowers.

Renovation and restoration of the West Branch Library still remains in the planning stages. One encouraging detail is that funds are now available from the State for library buildings. I will be writing a grant for West Branch and have been in contact with the Superintendent of Buildings and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners concerning this matter. However, branch libraries are not a high priority for these State grants and many communities will be contending for funds. Both of the branches are functioning well especially in providing children with books and activities. The public at East Branch have been delighted with the renovation after years of waiting.

The upholstery and carpeting at Central Library were professionally cleaned after eleven years of use. The Central Library is still without a full-time custodian and keeping the building clean has been a major problem and a source of frustration to the staff, director and Trustees. The City has promised a solution soon.

The Library was the recipient of funds from the Will of Miss Molly Foss, daughter of a former librarian and writer Sam Walter Foss. The total amount of trust money will be slightly over \$150,000.00. This is a wonderful tribute to the Somerville Library and to the City from the Foss family.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide money for supplies and programs. Among the many donations given this year are \$500.00 worth of children's videocassettes, and over \$2,000.00 for department programs, games for children, art supplies, printed supplies, speakers and performers and renewal of our New England Aquarium family pass. They are a loyal and helpful organization with a truly civic attitude.

Once again this year, I have received letters from the public in praise of the friendly and helpful staff. I believe they are working harder to make the library an even better place. They are also willing to cooperate with one another to benefit the library and they show a real concern to give their best to the public. The public in return has shown its appreciation.

The Board of Trustees has continued to show their support for Library policies. Their guidance, suggestions and assistance play an essential role in the management of the library. Without this support, the library would not function effectively.

Both the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor have been receptive to requests for additional funds and transfers of funds for library fiscal effectiveness and management. Their concern about the library system functioning well in Somerville is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. DeAngelis
Director

1987 STATISTICS

City: Somerville County: Middlesex State: Massachusetts

Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville

Date of Founding: 1872

Name of Director: Paul A. DeAngelis

Report for the year ending December 31, 1987

Governmental unit of support and service: City

Population served: 71,134

Terms of Use: Free for lending, Free for reference

Agencies:	Central Library	1	
	Branches in Library buildings.	2	
	Bookmobile	1	
	Others:		
	Shutins	13	
	Institutions	0	
	Rest Homes	5	
	Homes for the Aged	0	
			Total 22

Circulation and Use:

Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use	46,759
Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	39,674
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	50,790
Reference Special Loans	145
Total number of volumes lent for home use:	137,368

Period of loan for the majority of book stock: 21 days

Music/AV Circulation: Records 4,471, Prints 129, Video Cassettes 4,411,
Films 0, Sculpture 5, Talking Books 30

Number of Reference questions answered: 67,091

Number of Inter-library loans:

Volumes lent	150	Films Lent	13
Volumes borrowed	50	Films borrowed	246

Registration:

Borrowers registered during the year: 3,901

Registration period: Indefinite

Book Stock:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1986	136,580	79,352	215,932
Number of volumes added during the year	9,133	2,300	11,433
Number of volumes withdrawn during the year	2,951	426	3,381
Number of volumes December 31, 1987	142,762	81,226	223,984

Number of newspapers currently received, excluding duplicates: 37

Number of newspapers on microfilm: 2

Number of periodicals currently received, excluding duplicates: 343

Music/AV Materials owned:

Records 5,682	Prints 138
Sculpture 19	Films 19
Cassettes 660	Filmstrips 73
Video Cassettes 150	Talking Books 60
Museum passes 4	Compact Disks 65
Games 40	

1987 FINANCES

Assessed valuation of the City (Real Estate) 1,917,280,710

City Tax Rate for 1987: \$13.63 per 1,000

RECEIPTS**Local Taxes — Library Department**

1986-87 Budget: 945,868.75

1987-88 Budget: 969,298.00

1987 Estimate: 957,583.76

Fines included in above: 5,059.85

Dog licenses included in above: 3,937.75

Invested Funds:

Balance from 1986 41,736.20

Interest during 1987 14,499.30

56,235.50

State Incentive Grant: 38,683.00 (14,692.00 included above)

Total Receipts: 1,013,819.26

EXPENDITURES

Salaries — Library Department		693,322.75	
Books	Budget	89,143.76	
	Funds	18,788.16	
Periodicals	Budget	17,580.79	
	Funds	0	
Audio Visual Materials	Budget	6,561.63	
	Funds	0	
Other Operating Expenses	Budget	74,236.08	
	Funds	4,631.65	
	Total Expenditures		904,259.82
Balances — to be used 1987-88	Budget	76,738.75	
	Funds	<u>32,820.69</u>	
			109,559.44
	Grand Total		1,013,819.26

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Fiscal Year 1987

Mr. Joseph Puopolo	Purchasing Director
Mrs. Penelope Snyder	Buyer
Mrs. Marie Linscott	Principal Clerk

If you have any questions, please call on X3405. Thank you for your time.

Joseph Puopolo
Purchasing Director

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
RECREATION COMMISSION**

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR
1987**

THE RECREATION COMMISSION
1987

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REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

December 31, 1987

To the Honorable, the Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen:

The Somerville Recreation Commission's accomplishments for the year of our Lord now ending, were indeed impressive. Our Summer Playground Leaders received the largest pay increase in the seventy year history of the Summer Playgrounds program. We staffed more Playground Sites and employed the greatest number of Leaders than any Summer since the late seventies. A new passenger van was purchased for the Special Needs Program, which provided our kids with wheels for daily Summer get-a-ways and Fall weekend trips. New and expanded programming in both active and passive areas allowed us to broaden our base of participants at all ages.

The Commission's and objectives have always been to better serve the people of Somerville via the concept of maximum participation at minimum cost. We pride ourselves in being a vital link within the extensive network of leisure-time activities available to the citizens of a vibrant city like Somerville, whose sidewalks don't know the meaning of the term "rolling-up". Rec. won't even attempt to mention any of the numerous private agencies, social clubs, and sports leagues and programs that are the true roots of Somerville citizenship, for fear several would be unintentionally omitted in said listing. The Commission directs its sponsorship of activities, therefore, where it sincerely feels it will be most beneficial to the greatest number of people and generate the most bang in return for its budgetary bucks.

We hope you will avail yourself of some aspect of our programming or at least interest a family member or friend in our offerings. Someday soon, Somerville Recreation hopes to be headquartered in a building better capable of affording active leisure-time activities. However, until bigger and better surroundings are available to the Commission, we will continue to lobby for a decent and fair municipal appropriation, recruit the best employees anywhere, and offer good, solid public recreational opportunities to all.

PERSONNEL

The people listed on the initial page of this report made up the Recreation Commission for the past year. Much like the Boards that preceeded the '87 Commission, its membership lobbied for a decent municipal appropriation, analyzed areas of program sponsorship, and resolved personnel matters for the Department. The Commission's status as the policy-making authority in the above areas is expressly granted under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 45, Section 14. The importance of an active and concerned Commission, therefore, can never be understated within the total concept of Recreation management.

Let's then give extra special recognition to those members, who both left and came aboard our 'serve without pay' board in 1987. John T. Kiely had served on

the Commission since 1979, having been the third member of our Executive Board for most of his tenure. Mr. Kiely's attendance and participation at monthly meetings and special events of the Commission was unflinching during his eight years of service. John's personal integrity, diplomatic persuasiveness, and clever wit will all be missed by the membership. Mrs. Patricia Kerr and Mr. Charles S. Tierney had been more recent appointments to the Board, but both clearly demonstrated a keen interest in public recreation while serving on the Commission. Rookie appointments for this season included long-time Basketball League sponsor, Mr. Tony J. Alibrandi, Men's Athletic League participant, Mr. Brian Langton, Women's Athletic League participant, Mrs. Marie Santamaria, and former Summer Playground Leader, Attorney Thomas W. Fothergill. These newcomers brought the standing membership back to ten citizen lobbyists for the best in Municipal Recreation programming.

Equal mention is hereby rendered to our staff of full-time, Civil Service employees, who again choreographed all programming and the essential day-to-day functions of a Municipal Department. The Rec's administrative and supervisory people are better than money can buy, because money is simply not their only incentive for coming to work. Their forty hour (plus) work week must consist of a few longer work shifts and/or shorter six or seven day work weeks, if our weekly 75+ hours of programming and office time is to be adequately given coverage. Our career Recreation professionals are not seen in most newspaper photographs of Commission events and activities, but without their unselfish efforts, much programming would not take place period! Therefore, captioned left to right, they are: Superintendent James B. Callahan, Assistant Superintendent John M. Pieroni, Supervisors Elaine M. Pieroni, Thomas A. O'Hare, Donna M. Callahan, Carol S. Lane and Administrative Assistant Jo Ann Goggin.

One last, sad note for the '87 Personnel section was the death of retired Superintendent and forty-seven year employee of the Commission, Mr. William J. Macdonald. "Bill" passed away just after Christmas, and if there was a more peaceful and God-fearing man than he ever to come on this earth, we have yet to meet that person. Mr. Macdonald touched the lives of more Somerville people than anyone might imagine and we at "Rec" will always remember him with love and affection.

SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The most readily identifiable program for almost any Recreation Department is usually its operation of outdoor play facilities. Whether said areas be a large municipal ballfield like Glen Park and Conway Field or the M.D.C.'s Foss and Dilboy Field sites/Whether large neighborhood playgrounds like Perry and Albion Street, or the School Department's large Cutler and Kennedy Schoolyards/Whether a tiny city site like Woodstock or the Housing Authority's Mystic play area at the bottom of Marchi Playground/Wherever there is open space within this great city of ours and kids to fill it on a hot summer day, you will find the Recreation Commission's Inter-Playground activities in full swing. Whenever you see a group of youngsters walking with baseball gloves or a dodge-

ball alongside an older boy or girl, you'll be safe in telling the person next to you that these city kids are either on their way to, or coming home from a big inter-playground game nearby. If you should stroll by one of our summer units and hear all the laughter and screaming of a T.V. game show, invite yourself in to watch every line and circle game that could ever come out of a fishbowl, and said games being subjected to every sectional variation imaginable. Somerville Rec, regardless of the other highlights of its programming mentioned within the pages of this annual report, is the Summer Playgrounds!

Summer '87, as stated in our Introduction, received the most generous supply of "MI" in this decade thus far, and set sail on Thursday, June 25 to break any and all records for participation. Fifty leaders were dispatched from 19 Walnut Street to twenty-six sites throughout the seven hills. Next into battle were the civilian counterparts to the U.S. Army's medics and radio men, namely our three-man Maintenance team, who assemble, ship and return every piece of equipment and supplies used on the Playgrounds. A half-dozen special Summer Supervisors and the career people, otherwise known as the Recreation Commission's "Magnificent Seven", completed the cast and crew of the Summer of eighty-seven. Each season, these career people spend a large percentage of their work day from early May's interviews to mid-June's Pre-Season Training week preparing for our summer "show of shows".

Better funding meant not only more leaders, it also meant more and better applicants for the position of Leader. Additionally, increased weekly salaries required a concomitant 30-hour work week with all units opening fifteen minutes earlier for A.M. and P.M. sessions, closing fifteen minutes later for P.M. sessions, and a mandatory Wednesday luncheon meeting at the Winter Hill Community School cafeteria. The Commission wanted a good return on its investment of a larger appropriation for the Summer Program and without question, feels it achieved double digit returns last year from its seasonal help.

Site shifts for '87 included reopening Dilboy Field following its rededication in the spring, the operation of Osgood St. Playground in its maiden season, and the return of Hoyt-Sullivan. Location adaptations were made at Sen. Corbett and (Shaw) Hodgkins, along with an attempted merger of the Healey School's Marchi Playground with operations at Mystic. The Tufts Playground unit at Powderhouse Park was out of commission, as that site was part of the reconstruction of Somerville's mini-version of Central Park in New York.

Specialist assistance to our Rec. Playground Leaders and their troops came in various ways throughout the summer. Supervisors conducted daytime clinics in Track & Field, Paddle Tennis and Volleyball at all athletic units and most neighborhood sites. Knowledge of playing rules and proper technique always heighten the enjoyment and minimize squabbles in sports competition. Special instruction in passive recreation skills was supplied during the day via our inter-unit Arts & Crafts Supervisors, and then from 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. on Playground Mondays and Thursdays with our "Arts in the Parks" program, which last year showcased Sand Terrariums and Butterfly Refrigerator magnets. Instruction and materials were free, but admission required imagination! Playground happenings and other unit goings-on were compiled and published in

our "Weekly newsletter". Hundreds of action and award-winning photos by our two supervisors w/camera, recaptured the joy of victory and the agony of those other occasions. Lastly, all leaders were shown their own comprehensive individual evaluation done by our entire supervisory staff. The above objective rating of a leader's performance is part of their permanent personnel file and serves as the only criterion for promotion within the part-time work force each summer.

Compliments of a Community Development Block Grant last summer, the Commission also supplemented its daytime Playground sports instruction with evening Athletic Clinics in Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Soccer and Track and Field. The C.D. Proposal was written and administered by the Assistant Superintendent. It gave those working youngsters in their teens a chance at a good workout, while giving a make-up lesson for pre-teen youngsters, who had maybe spent the day at a beach. Conway, Glen and Lincoln were the chosen sites due to field availability and federal income guidelines. A special photography clinic also was conducted at our new darkroom facilities at 19 Walnut Street.

The Recreation Commission, for the second straight summer, "volunteered" to serve as the Sponsor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food & Nutrition Service Program. The Somerville School Foodservice Department was again the meal vendor: providing the required meals and delivering them daily to the 26 playground sites, our Special Needs unit, the Soccer Camp, and nine other private and public feeding site locations in Somerville. The Summer Foodservice Program provided the only certain "balanced" meal some children received each day and also proved to be an excellent A.M. drawing card to each playground. The quality of food prepared and distributed by the Somerville School Foodservice Department can best be described by the words of a 10-year old tow-head at Trum Field one lunchtime, "Mister, this is a darn good sandwich"! One possible recommendation, however, for the Program remains that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services allow the Somerville School Foodservice Department to play a much greater role in the direct sponsorship of the program. The City's Foodservice Manager is the expert in the field of federal and state nutritional procedures and can better oversee both sponsor and vendor phases of the operation via independent Monitor/Directors reporting to him. The present system has managed to deliver the program, but should be streamlined and, if possible, written into a twelve month job description for the School System's Foodservice Director. It's just too good a program to lose!

Rec's menu for inter-unit Playground activities for the Summer of '87, featured various All-Season Almanac specialties and main events. Our "special" inter-unit offerings occurred during the opening weeks of playgrounds and added flavor to the everyday happenings at each of our twenty-six sites. Said programming specialties provided the chance for tournament competition at local and final inter-playground levels in Checkers, Jump-Rope, Jackstones and Chess. Inter-unit games and playoffs for Class "C" Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball were just some of the eagerly awaited special activities. T-Shirts in our seven athletic unit colors with the now classic stencilled logo of a girl runner and a

boy hoopster, increased team pride and added an organized look to traditional playground rivalries.

Let's go then to a near chronological instant replay of the main course events of Summer, 1987, which began on June 30th with East/West Baseball-Softball Day at Lincoln and Dilboy Fields. Participants are clocked from home plate to first base, home to home, then measured for distance throws and hits, together with an accuracy toss from the plate to second base. It's always amazing to watch the several dozen nameless young athletes compete against one another, while knowing full well that future Highlanders, Anchormen, Warriors, Panthers, Friars, Bears, Tigers, Cougars, Lancers, and Eaglets are showing off the raw talent that will make a name for themselves come ten years from now in high school.

The Track & Field Program for the season started with the local National Parks & Recreation Association's Hershey Track and Field Youth Day within Dilboy Stadium on July 2. Somerville Recreation participants and athletes from Cambridge's Margaret Fuller House qualified at Dilboy for the State Competitions at Braintree Parks & Recreation on July 18, where two U-City kids sprinted to first place finishes in several of the running events. The Playground's local Track Meet schedule was as follows: July 7 at Trum, July 9 – Foss and Glen at Foss, July 13 – Conway and Lincoln at Conway, and July 15 – Dilboy and Hodgkins at Dilboy. Our locals help set the stage on the seven athletic units and their satellite sites for "the" big meet in August.

Each playground's Open House/Progressive Games Day took place in the first full weeks of the season. A total of twelve eastern and fourteen western locations prepared for several days on their sites' activity agenda. Invitations were sent home with participants, "init"ized favors were presented to the throngs of relatives in attendance, and ready or not, everyone was drafted into participating in a typical day on the Summer Playgrounds. Reportedly, a few calls were received at the Mayor's Office from passers-by questioning if a nostalgic version of the 50's "Beat-the-Clock" show was being shot on the Playgrounds!

Many baseball fans say it's a long way from Triple "A" Baseball to the major leagues, but several bus loads of our Class "b" kids found out it's only about an hour's drive to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I. to watch the PawSox do baseball battle. It was Parks & Recreation day, July 20, at McCoy with the hometown heroes taking on the Richmond Braves in an International League regular season game. Our kids got to scout several players, who would finish the season at Fenway Park in September. Several lucky youngsters were photographed next to the life-size murals of former Pawtucket players, now in the bigs, that appear on the entrance ramps leading into the stadium.

Our "main event" for the week of July 27-31, made a recent movie of that same name appear timid. What dook place was the fourth annual "sandlot Baseball tourney", cast not in the Middle East somewhere, but at Donnelly Field in Cambridge. The Cantabridgians had captured the "holy grail" in the '86 tournament for their very first time and boasted loudly that it would never again leave

Central Square. Three squadrons from the city of Seven Hills and/or athletic units matched up with three teams representing East Cambridge, North Cambridge and Cambridgeport. When the sandstone had settled on home plate on day five, only one of the six baseball teams remained . . . and that team's victory party was held at a pizza shop somewhere between Union Square and lower Broadway!

Rec's gala Playgrounds Extravaganza for all "26" took place on the "28th" at Trum Field. The program had a nostalgia theme, but looked as up to date as Kansas City amidst an 83° temperature and cooling northeast breeze. Judges awarded points for categories such as best behaved, straightest lines, and most original costumes. A gourmet picnic lunch in the grandstand, which arrived compliments of the Summer Lunch Program's Winter Hill Community School kitchen, sure tasted great to the 200 or so youngsters in attendance. The Extravaganza is always one event where the supervisors have as much fun as the playground kids.

The Inter-Playground Track Meet took place at Trum Field on the evening of August 4th. Two hundred and ninety-four male and female participants in Class "B" (13 & 14 yrs. old), Class "C" (11 & 12 yrs. old) and fledgling Class "D" (7 to 10 yr. olds) represented the seven colors of our athletic units. The 66th Running of Somerville's version of the Junior Olympics continues to pay tribute to its creator back in the "roaring twenties", Superintendent Frank Mahoney. Mr. Mahoney's creative genius and organizational skills are present throughout the annual three-hour Sports Spectacular.

The days and unfortunately a few of the evenings leading up to the Meet are always frantic times at Commission Headquarters on 19 Walnut Street and in Rec's supply facility at 50 Bow Street. Our "race" to finish the details necessary to make the event a happening begins just after opening day on the playgrounds and is not complete until a few weeks after the final dash has gone off. The entire Commission wishes to express its gratitude to the numerous Volunteer Officials, Recreation Leaders and Park Department personnel for their super effort, as always, to insure the success and continuity of this capital "E"vent for Somerville Playground youngsters and their families. If it's been a few seasons since your last viewing of "The Meet", please, do yourself a favor this coming August, and be there!

August 7th turned the corner of Summer and Craigie Sts., a.k.a. Superintendent Charles C. Kelley Playground, into a giant outdoor mirage quite similar to the Massachusetts Lottery game, but instead of tiny, numbered ping pong balls . . . a literal explosion of bouncy, yellow Paddle Tennis balls filled the neighborhood. Boys and girls representing every Playground in the city were assembled to determine Class "B", "C", & "D" Doubles Champions. Our Instructional Paddle Tennis Clinics at each local unit throughout July had produced talent for Spring Hill, worthy of Forest Hills.

Class "C" & "D" kids travelled to Canobie Lake Amusement Park on August 11 for the traditional Playground Outing. Several of each unit's more rambunctious individuals often are kept in line all eight weeks of the Summer via the

possibility of not making the travelling team to Salem, N.H. Participants wore their S.R.C. Playgrounds Shirts, giving new meaning in the Granite State to the phrase, 'rainbow coalition'. The Commission hopes to secure for next year, a private sector contribution to help reduce the cost of annually escalating transportation and admission costs to the children. Any ideas?

The Somerville Kiwanis Club's Playgrounds Awards Night was conducted in the new Fire & Safety Building in Union Square on the night of August 13th. His Honor, Mayor Eugene C. Brune, was present to give out the Kiwanis Sweat-shirts for Playground Sportsmanship, the William J. Maher Memorial Inter-Playground Track Meet M.V.P. Trophies, and Certificates for team athletics and individual achievements in our city-wide tournaments. Everyone in attendance received a guided tour of the beautiful facility and observed Police and Fire-fighters in their every day work roles. The full tab for Awards Night is picked up by Kiwanis, as one of their many expressions of concern for the people of the Somerville community. The Commission's 'Good Neighbor, Sam' Award for 1987 goes to the Kiwanis Club of Somerville.

An extra-long A.M. session on August 14th called it a season for the 1987 Playgrounds. The national weather service remembers it as a cool, dry summer. Sea breezes much more frequent than usual, kept all but two Playground days under a maximum high of 85°. The high temperature for 30 days of our 37 day season ranged between 70° and 85°. The nearly ideal operating conditions for outdoor activities resulted in few, if any, postponements. The aggregate Playground attendance figures dipped slightly from '86, but last season had two fewer scheduled days due to a longer school year. Our Recreation Leaders did a very good job and left something for their successors to carry on next Summer. For something first given Municipal support in the year 1917, today, (almost four generations later) taller, smarter, faster, while also more affluent, passive, and lonely kids still travel to their local playgrounds to participate in team sports, play games, make things and meet new friends. The more times change . . . the more some things stay the same.

1987 PLAYGROUND SEASON ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Playground	Boys/Girls		Total	A.M./P.M.		Total
Albion	536/	451	987	520/	467	987
Brown	504/	520	1,024	506/	518	1,024
Conway	608/	75	683	318/	365	683
Cummings	470/	351	821	373/	448	821
Cutler	689/	488	1,127	597/	530	1,127
Dilboy	491/	320	811	457/	354	811
Florence	384/	249	633	328/	305	633
Foss	1,679/	558	2,237	1,139/	1,098	3,237
Glen	1,484/	906	2,390	1,181/	1,209	2,390
Grimmons	528/	372	900	456/	444	900
Hanscom	581/	553	1,134	567/	567	1,134
Harris	634/	541	1,175	647/	528	1,175
Hodgkins	1,009/	285	1,294	672/	622	1,294
Hoyt-Sullivan	324/	307	631	315/	316	631
Kelley	658/	450	1,108	542/	566	1,108
Kennedy	445/	185	630	317/	313	630
Lexington	631/	415	1,046	534/	512	1,046
Lincoln	960/	633	1,593	863/	730	1,593
Marchi-Mystic	617/	203	1,020	615/	405	1,020
Osgood	341/	292	633	252/	381	633
Perry	795/	243	1,038	497/	541	1,038
Sen. Corbett	271/	440	711	358/	353	711
Trum	2,106/	992	3,098	1,685/	1,413	3,098
Vietnam Veterans	1,088/	1,094	2,182	1,091/	1,091	2,182
Winter Hill	364/	57	421	187/	234	421
Woodstock	230/	414	644	321/	323	644
50 Leaders—1987	<u>18,577/11,394</u>		<u>29,971</u>	<u>15,338/14,633</u>		<u>29,971</u>
45 Leaders—1986	20,273/12,014		32,287			
38 Leaders—1985	17,649/10,982		28,631			
38 Leaders—1984	17,798/10,305		28,103			
30 Leaders—1983	13,423/ 9,276		22,699			

1987 WEEKLY TOTALS

Week	Boys/Girls		Total	A.M./P.M.		Total
#1—June 25-26	1,513/	1,114	2,627	1,281/	1,346	2,627
#2—June 29 - July 3	2,949/	1,961	4,910	2,509/	2,401	4,910
#3—July 6-10	2,799/	1,607	4,406	2,242/	2,164	4,406
#4—July 13-17	2,689/	1,510	4,199	2,154/	2,045	4,199
#5—July 20-24	2,474/	1,368	3,862	1,965/	1,897	3,862
#6—July 27-31	2,203/	1,336	3,539	1,806/	1,733	3,539
#7—August 3-7	2,092/	1,312	3,404	1,750/	1,654	3,404
#8—August 10-17	1,858/	1,166	3,024	1,631/	1,393	3,024
	<u>18,577/11,394</u>		<u>29,971</u>	<u>15,338/14,633</u>		<u>29,971</u>

WEEKLY AVERAGE # OF CHILDREN PER SESSION

Week #1	— 657	—
Week #2	— 491	— 25%
Week #3	— 440	— 10%
Week #4	— 419	— 05%
Week #5	— 386	— 08%
Week #6	— 354	— 08%
Week #7	— 340	— 04%
Week #8	— 336	— 01%

SUMMER PLAYGROUND UNIT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

The Summer Special Needs Program was in operation from July 1 through August 11 at the Powder House Community School. The six-week program was structured so that each day consisted of a special activity. In this way, the children were aware of what to expect, and they responded well, both to the structured program and the activities it included.

This year, all participants had the pleasure of anticipating field trips twice a week. Each Monday and Friday we explored various sites such as: Verrill Farm (Strawberry picking), the Swan Boats, Drumlin Farm, Museum of Science, Thompson Center (Barbecue), U.S.S. Constitution, the State House, Pine Banks Park (Barbecue), Boston Harbor Cruise, the Stone Zoo and horseback riding at the M.D.C., and the grand finale was a day spent at Canobie Lake Park. An extremely generous contribution from the Sons of Italy helped finance admission fees and bus transportation costs. We would like to extend our thanks to the Sons of Italy for their continuous support.

During mid-week activities, we utilized the Recreation Commission's "new", luxurious, air-conditioned van to transport our troop to local sites. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we ventured out to the Arlington Rec where the children were eager to practice swimming skills and compete in sand castle building contests. The mornings of "swim days" featured arts and crafts, quiet games, and, of course, practice sessions for the upcoming special olympics. Several mini-trips were taken in place of dreary "swim days". The group journeyed out to Rt. 1 for a hilarious time of miniature golfing. Many golf balls were lost and retrieved in the bushes or under the water sprinklers, but the children were quite fascinated with this activity. On other dreary days, we visited local playgrounds in Arlington and Somerville to play an intense game of kickball and fun-filled group activities with our parachute.

Each Wednesday our group prepared for a morning of "Candlepins for Candy". Yes, it certainly was Bowling Day! our pro bowlers bowled in the lanes of the Turnpike Bowladrome for a morning of exercise and fierce competition. The bowlers would then return to the Powder House Community School to recap the scores. Everyone received a big round of applause and candy for their performance.

On Thursday, August 6, our staff and participants held an Hawaiian Open House for all families and friends. Our guests wore leis and enjoyed our second annual slide presentation of Summer events. Following the slide show, "Hawaiian Punch" was served to quench the thirst of many. Coconuts, pineapples and other fruits were also available for all.

The Seventh Annual Somerville Olympics was held on July 23, at Trum Field. A grand entrance by the special athletes, including 13 of our own Recreation participants, set the pace for a gala and highly successful night. Olympians, parents, and volunteers all shared some very memorable moments. The Comission would especially like to extend their thanks to the Somerville Kiwanis, Staff of the Youth Program, Staff of the Walnut St. Center, our own Recreation Leaders, the faithful maintenance crew, and others who helped organize and run events. Special thanks to the Sons of Italy for their continued support and hosting of a get-together after the Olympics.

A 5th Annual Farewell Party at Deco's concluded Summer program. Our staff would like to thank the proprietors of Deco's for providing us with an unforgettable opportunity to celebrate the end of another fun and successful Summer. Plenty of soft drinks and 9 large pizzas were available for all to indulge. After these were devoured, great music and videos were provided for dancing and to shed some calories.

Throughout the entire Summer, the participants and staff of the Somerville Recreation Special Needs Program shared unforgettable moments together. We appreciate those who have been so very kind and supportive in helping us plan and achieve an adventurous, memorable Summer.

SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY . .Participants met at the Somerville Recreation Building for a Valentine's Day Party. Celebrants took part in prize winning games, exchanging valentine cards, arts and crafts, and best of all, eating a valentine cake.

MARCHA St. Patrick's Day party was held at the Somerville Rec. Building and all participants enjoyed a rigorous Leprechaun Hunt. Other games and greenish arts and crafts followed. The Leprechauns also enjoyed traditional Irish bread with their lunches.

APRILOn our first Spring trip, a bus load of anxious youngsters attended the Shriner's Circus at the Shriner's Auditorium in Wilmington. The youngsters were fascinated by the clowns, trapeze acts and animal acts. We would like to thank the Somerville Kiwanis for supporting this trip and providing the group with lunches and snacks.

MAY.Our final spring trip was to the Children's Museum in Boston. The group utilized the Rec. wagon and spent an active three

hours exploring the Japanese house, Grandma's attic, and the water play area. The most popular site was the jungle gym which was two stories high and required repeated visits. The group completed the trip by visiting McDonald's for lunch.

OCTOBER. . . A group of apple lovers boarded the Rec's new van and headed for Hillbrook Orchards in Groton for a day of apple picking. Upon arrival, the applepickers boarded a horse and buggy for a ride to the apple orchards. The youngsters were thrilled to pick enormous, delicious apples from trees. After filling a number of five lb. bags, each participant enjoyed a pony ride. This was a very successful trip and we look forward to going to the orchards next Fall.

On Halloween eve, our group of brave ghostbusters ventured to Wilson's Farm in Lexington to explore a haunted house. Our courageous youngsters fearlessly encountered ghosts, goblins and monsters throughout the haunted house. Following the tour, each youngster enjoyed his/her favorite ice cream at a local Brigham's.

NOVEMBER . . A day of experiencing medieval times was spent at King Richard's Faire in Carver. Our group actively participated in trying archery, watching comedy skits, and cheering for a mud wrestler.

DECEMBER. . The Annual trip to Edaville Railroad created a perfect atmosphere for the Christmas season. The traditional scenic train ride was quite a sight. The children saw beautiful light displays of seasonal scenes and characters. Following the train ride, the youngsters welcomed hot chocolate to warm chilled bones.

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG TEENS

AFTER SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS

Leisure-time activities for the primary grades in the School Department's smaller buildings consisted of arts and crafts units at the Brown and Cutler in the Spring and Brown, Conwell and Healey in the Fall. Travel limitations upon students from lower grades often prevent them from taking part in community recreational activities available in larger schools or even in the private sector. Our arts and crafts attendance had some seasonal peaks and valleys, but averaged a solid 25-30 youngsters each session.

Projects for the Winter-Spring session included Valentine Pop-up cards and Shadow boxes, lucky leprechaun plant pokes, Easter Egg people and a Spring Surprise. Other projects included Popsicle Stick Calendars, paper towel roly-poly people, name game shades, and the games of Ring Toss and Magnet Maze. The season's hit project was called Popcorn Art, which created scenes with pop-

corn. Strangely enough, much of the scenery never made it onto the set, as hunger more than once beat out creativity.

Activities for the Fall-Winter season included Pumpkin Pins, Halloween mobiles (the Ghost being a Tootsie Pop), Turkey magnets, Christmas ornaments, and a Christmas Candle. Children enjoyed creating framed designs and many fruit people like Carmen Miranda, apple Annie and Strawberry Shortcake. Our Rec Arts & Crafts pupils definitely enjoy the medium.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

The emphasis on fitness and rhythmic gymnastics continued to add a new dimension to our already successful gymnastics program. Aerobics increases cardiovascular endurance and the use of ribbon streamers (Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics made its debut in the '84 Los Angeles Olympics) develops coordination and rhythm.

Our present membership of 58 young women were offered weekly instruction in floor exercise, high balance beam, and dance, and the total program provided the gymnast with a well-rounded back-ground in movement, strength and flexibility. Additional highlights within the program included the Annual Gymnastics Exhibition (held in June for the parents and friends of the gymnasts). Each gymnast received a Gym-tote super bag donated by the Somerville Lodge of Elks #917, Halloween favors, a Progressive Games Christmas Party, and a super farewell get-together hosted by McDonald's of Davis Square.

Certificate Awards were presented to each of our girls who participated in the program and for the seventh consecutive year, gymnasts received plaques which cited their five years of participation in the program. Several gymnasts have the distinction of several years of uninterrupted participation, quite an achievement!

Although the program has undergone many changes since its inception in 1975, the emphasis on safety, social interaction and body development has always been maintained. Competition among the participants is kept at a minimum, rather, the girls work to achieve their own personal satisfaction by deciding their own goals and working at their own pace.

SOCCER CAMP

Our first year, free, Instructional Soccer Camp represented networking with a capital "N" as Tufts University provided the operational facility free of charge, the Commission — the supplies and equipment, the State Department of Nutrition (through the Somerville School System's Foodservices Department) — each day's lunch, and Employment Resources Incorporated — the salary of the Camp Director (Supervisor) and his enrolled teaching assistants. Given as much inter-agency cooperation in all areas of government, we could find a solution to the cost of higher education, juvenile delinquency, hunger in America and unemployment in the not too distant future!

Each Summer morning from July 6 to August 7, motorists travelling to work along Powder House Boulevard or College Avenue could see a dozen or so Mikasa #3, #4, and #5 Soccer balls being kicked within the parameters of the Camp's red, safety-coned field at Powderhouse Circle. The program began with the teen workout from 7:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M., where High School athletes sharpened their skills for the Fall season. Pre-teens arrived at the site at 9:15 A.M. and were given instruction, drills and game situations until either noon-time or the late morning heat intervened to snuff out participant enthusiasm.

Next Summer, the Commission hopes to improve community awareness of the camp, as many of the program's components should come together sooner in '88, and thereby allows us to be able to commence our publicity effort earlier in the Spring. Our Summer Soccer Camp at Tufts University brought together youngsters with few other common socio-economic bonds and taught them how to play the world's most popular sport. Any parent who has ever read a flyer on the various Summer Soccer Schools on the North and South Shores knows full well how expensive instruction can be within the private sector.

POWDER HOUSE YOUTH LEAGUE

The Fifteenth Anniversary of the P.H.Y.L. was celebrated this past September at the Powder House Community School Gymnasium and Schoolyard. Every Saturday morning, teams face-off in Floor Hockey, and kick-off in Flag Football twin bills. The dual skills demanded by "puck" and "pigskin" require each franchise to carefully select the best available athlete at draft time. Ironically, a championship team in hockey many times is the cellar dweller in Flag Football. The classic Powder House logo serves as the league insignia for both sporting activities and last season, appeared on t-shirts of red, yellow, black and green. Playoffs culminate regular season competition, and all-star games in both sports are conducted throughout the season with teams from the various private youth agencies within the City. The Floor Hockey talents in particular of P.H.Y.L. members are proven almost annually with at least one or more teams from the February School Vacation Hockey Tournament being comprised heavily of Powder House athletes.

Gym time on Saturday afternoon is given over to older players, coaches, and alumni, who still enjoy a good pick-up game or two. Stories about the great players and teams of P.H.Y.L. scrapbook days abound during P.M. workouts, but like the local sandwich shop's french fries are best digested with a few grains of salt. The program puts a school facility to good use on a weekend, and the Commission appreciates its free usage.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The Indoor Cage at Cousens Gym on the campus of Tufts University provided our Sunday Morning Baseball Clinic with a permanent home at last. Certainly, the impact on attendance proved the value of having a known operational site from mid-October to the end of March. The clinic averaged near forty-five pre-

teens in the 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. time slot and over thirty-five teens in the 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. workout. Coach Bob Pisco presided over each and every session of the Clinic, as he has since the mid-seventies. His attention to the little things that make a youngster a better ballplayer is, without question, what has made the program over the years so remarkably successful.

The fathers and mothers of our clinic participants again conducted a raffle to purchase t-shirts for the children and provide an unsolicited donation to Tufts' Athletic Fund. No child has ever had to pay one dollar to attend the Baseball Clinic. Rather, by our providing a vehicle to generate some extras for the youngsters and also off-set some of the clinic's inherent expenses without direct user fees, we shift the cost of the program from individuals to the group.

One last word, if we may, about our "boys and girls of Winter", a kid who is willing to get out of a warm bed in the middle of January on a single digit morning at 6:30 A.M. is a believer. He or she believes in him or herself and in what he or she is capable of accomplishing, given an opportunity. Namely, a great facility . . . caring instructors . . . other eager students of the game . . . we're talking baseball!

BOYS' & GIRLS' PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS

The Commission operated three Open Gymnasium Programs for children aged 12 and over at the East Somerville (Mondays), Powder House (Tuesdays) and Lincoln Park (Wednesdays) Community Schools. These facilities were open free of any charges to area children from mid-October to mid-April. The East Somerville unit again had the best attendance numbers followed by the Powder House and Lincoln Schools. The program continues to be boy dominated as evidenced by an almost 9-1 ratio of male participants. Programming at East Somerville and Lincoln consists of Basketball shooting and team pick-up games, while Floor hockey and hoop share the billing equally at the Powder House.

Rec's three fitness centers give young teens a place to let off some steam on cold winter evenings in the City. However, the very informal nature of the program can occasionally give rise to security problems, which must be closely monitored by our Recreation personnel assigned to the three units. Leaders, who have been at nearby playgrounds in recent summers or are positive peer leaders in a particular section of the City, can best achieve desired levels of discipline and participant respect without being drill sergeants. Ironically, too strong and aggressive a leadership stance can sometimes stimulate negative behavior patterns in young teens, which might produce either primary internal or secondary external vandalism to school buildings and surrounding neighborhood properties.

PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

TEEN CERAMICS

Monday afternoon continued as the meeting time for our Teen Ceramics Class. Students received instruction and assistance after school from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the various preparations and techniques of cleaning and painting ceramic pieces by our staff of instructors.

It was duck season at the Rec. this year. Students worked on everything from duck canister sets, SOS holders, wall plaques, and planters, to large yard ducks with colorful bows. No one seemed to escape duck fever.

Special limitations within the Ceramics area of our 19 Walnut Street Building and the escalating price of greenware, paints and glazes, continue to restrict expansion of this fine activity.

JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE ATHLETIC LEAGUES

The Girls' Twilight Junior Softball Program had a bit of a numbers slump last summer, but managed to offer quality instruction to all who showed up at Lincoln Park. The program is a learning experience for girls who are looking for social interaction and individual development of life skills. Improvement of athletic abilities occurs within the program, but when it fails to materialize, Rec. Junior Girls' Softball is no less successful. The basics of the game are gone over and applied in nightly scrimmage games. Our staff hopes to better integrate evening programming with our daytime playground instruction and its inter-unit play next summer via Softball Clinics on athletic and neighborhood sites. The spirit and sportsmanship of female athletics is always such a positive and pleasant part of the local amateur sports scene.

The reestablishment of a Junior Indoor Basketball League in 1987 became a reality for eighty 12-15 year old city hoopsters. Rec's reunion campaign ran from late February to mid-April and it proved to be an ideal time to conduct the program, because many school and private hoop leagues were finished for the season. Yet another big participation factor for the above age group was that the youth Baseball Leagues don't get decent practice weather until late spring. McDonald's Restaurants of Davis and Porter Squares provided the Indoor League, as they would the Twilight League, again in the summer, with team t-shirts to give our Juniors a touch of class on the court. The Powder House Gym was chosen as the Indoor site due to its good dimensions for young teens along with its new glass backboards and wall pads. The regular season of ten games was followed by playoffs and the first annual "Porter vs. Davis" McDonald's All-Star Classic. The Commission thanks the Basketball Coaching staff at Somerville High School for their efforts in helping to promote the new Indoor League and Youth Basketball all over the City.

Our Junior Twilight Hoop Program got going in late June and continued through mid-August at the Conway "B" Court on Somerville Avenue. A fifteen

game regular season schedule with playoffs, gave many of our Indoor/Twilight "Junior" Leaguers close to three dozen scrimmages for the off-season!

Our Twilight Intermediate Basketball League produced and directed another successful summer of competitive play at the Lincoln Park "A" Court with two divisions of nine and seven teams respectively. Rec's "rugged" Red Division again consisted of squads with High School Varsity calibre from Somerville and selected abutting cities. Today's gifted kid has to face competition from outside the seven wards, because there just isn't enough home grown talent to significantly improve his game at the 15-18 year old level. Now, having said the above, let us also add that a concurrent goal of the Commission is to provide equal playing opportunity to every Somerville youngster regardless of ability. Enter then the Rec's "Bruising" Blue Division of seven street/corner squads from selected locals such as "Lexington Ave", "the Projects", "Ol' Western", "Eastie", "Union Square", "Kelley Playground" and "Ball Square". Blue Division play is vintage schoolyard hoop with most field goal attempts coming one pass over Center court. A few players on each Blue entry could easily play up in the Red Division, but would rather stay with neighborhood franchises and friends. Every team wishing to participate in the Rec's Twilight Intermediate Basketball League was accepted for membership in 1987. However, our objective for the upcoming summer will be to target sections of the City, perhaps under-represented, in hopes of drawing out additional clubs for our Blue Division and maybe a Red Division star or two!

YOUNG MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS AND AEROBIC DANCE & EXERCISE CLASS

The number of older teenagers and young adults who take advantage of the Open Gym programs sponsored by the Recreation Commission continues to grow each year. Programming is held on Monday nights at the East Somerville Community School, Tuesdays at the Powder House Community School and Wednesdays at the Lincoln Park Community School. Sessions run, dribble and pass from 7:45-9:30 P.M., as the success of the "Bird-era" Celtics of the 80's has long since replaced the now "Orr-less" Bruins of a decade ago and its own craze for stick-handling, slap shots and saves. Rec pick-up games are always free of charges and fees. The informal nature of the program still appeals to anyone looking for a good gym workout on an occasional basis.

"Recaerobics", our specialized physical fitness programming, returned to rave reviews on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the L.P.C.S. Gym. The curriculum includes Aerobic exercise (cardio-vascular conditioning) and special routines to strengthen and tone hips, thighs and abdominal muscles. Our designer t-shirts and (without question) the lowest registration rates anywhere, helped to extinguish the last two possible reasons for not taking out an individual membership in looking and feeling simply super. Our solid Fall subscription to "Recaerobics" this past year gives rise to the possibility for a Monday and Wednesday Class at the Somerville High School Fieldhouse next season.

PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

CERAMICS, SEWING, CHESS, CRIBBAGE & PHOTOGRAPHY

The Commission's five Adult Ceramics Classes averaged over 100 students weekly for the entire 30-week program. Now in its third decade of operation under the sponsorship of the Commission, Adult Ceramics remains one of our best subscribed-to activities. Much the same as with all the Rec's other adult programming, Ceramics was essentially self-supporting. Members were required to pay for the cost of instruction and materials through a Registration fee and weekly dues. Special mention is in order for our Class Instructors and Assistants, who certainly create a pleasant environment within our second floor workshop at Rec's 19 Walnut Street Headquarters.

Sewing Classes were conducted three mornings per week in our Main Hall. Teaching assistance was offered in all basic sewing techniques from cutting out a pattern to making the completed garment. Rec. pupils of the needle and thread, learned to alter clothes and create useful household articles. Pre-entrance requirements consisted of having your own fabric, pins and patience. Course grades were awarded in cutting, hemming, and machine operation. While immediate commercial employment couldn't be guaranteed to each graduate, the ability to mend or alter articles of clothing could be counted on to help reduce the domestic budget appropriation.

The Recreation Commission cosponsored, on a trial basis, the weekly meetings of the Pillsbury Chess Club, which is an affiliate of the Massachusetts Chess Association, Inc., an educational not-for-profit organization. The Club utilized the Commission room at 19 Walnut Street for its Autumn Monday night games. The long-term goal of the relationship was to eventually start a children's Chess Program with instruction by professionals paid for by the MCA.

The Somerville Cribbage League began its 33rd season in September. The activity's membership remains steady and faithfully meets regardless of winter weather conditions every Friday evening in our Main Hall. Opinions vary widely on whether skill and concentration or luck and fortune have the strongest influence in just who gets the winning cards. Program highlights include a Christmas party, automatic entry into the Commission's April Cribbage Tournament and a "King Henryish" break-up banquet with trophies and prizes for all league members.

The transformation of a small second floor storage room at 19 Walnut Street into a modest darkroom facility allowed the Commission to offer instruction for adults in the techniques of picture-taking, film developing and camera care via a 6-week Clinic in late Fall. The new area, in addition to our antiquated developing area at the 50 Bow St. Building, gave our two part-time staff photographers the ability to churn out more newspaper pictures than any other municipal department or private agency in the City!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S ATHLETIC LEAGUES

The Recreation Commission struggled with the complex issue of "resident" participation for adult team entry programs in 1987. Residency status and non-resident quotas have always been some of the most opinionated and devious questions to come before the Board over the years. Our Somerville Rec Leagues had experienced tremendous growth throughout the 70's. If an athletic program expected to incur a waiting list, teams were required to adhere to a non-resident roster quota of not more than 20%. The vast majority of our adult teams voluntarily complied with the above rule. However, in the 80's, three distinct happenings occurred: (1) Proposition 2½ forced most of the costs for participation directly onto team members, (2) the number of adult men and women in their twenties dropped substantially with the crest of the post WWII baby boom, (3) Somerville experienced one of the most dramatic run-ups in real estate prices in its history, thereby forcing many young athletes to look to the "cheaper" suburbs for their housing needs. Our residency rule of the 70's seemed therefore at odds with the times. Waiting lists were minimal or non-existent and strict adherence to present residency quotas would have meant dropping dozens of veteran players, who had participated in the leagues since their "Highlander" and "Anchormen" days. The Commission, after several stormy Spring meetings, finally decided upon participation criteria which would be fair to former residents but not open up the floodgates to everyone from Eastern Massachusetts! A resident qualifier must now be (a) a current Somerville resident, (b) a current Somerville taxpayer, (c) a former Somerville resident, or (d) a current full-time Municipal employee. Additionally, the Recreation Commission let stand the existing nonresident roster quotas subject to strict enforcement procedures by League Supervisors upon the existence of a waiting list.

Over 1,000 men and women aged 16 to 60 years participated on one of the forty-seven softball teams as the Somerville Recreation Softball League celebrated its Golden 50th Anniversary during the 1987 season. The thirty-nine team men's league was divided into five divisions with four divisions (32 teams) playing their games under the lights at Conway, Glen, Lincoln and Trum. The seven team "E" Division played the majority of their games on Sunday mornings. The eight-teams of the Women's Division were divided into two conferences with their games being played Tuesday through Thursday evenings at Conway and Lincoln Parks.

The start of the Softball season is Valentine's Day as letters are sent to all returning teams and waiting list personnel. Managers from all teams attend the three organizational meetings held in March and April. City, league and softball rules, fee schedule, divisional set-up and game scheduling are discussed during these meetings. The approximate \$1,000 cost to field a team in the league is borne by the individual players and/or sponsor. The cost of the lights user fee, entry fees, umpires, uniforms and equipment continue to escalate.

The 1987 season of Softball began for real during the last week of April as the Men's teams opened their regular season. The Women's teams opened up two weeks later. The regular season for all 47 teams ended in early August but over half the clubs qualified for post-season play. The playoff format was

changed in 1987. The opening round consisted of a best two of three game series while the finals were extended to a best of five game series. Over 530 games were played to determine the 10 male and 3 women's champions. The men's teams played an average of 21 regular season games plus playoffs. Games were scheduled for Sunday mornings and Monday through Friday evenings at Conway, Glen, Lincoln and Trum Fields. The women's teams played an 18-game regular season followed by playoffs. The women's games were played Tuesday through Thursday evenings at Conway and Lincoln Parks.

Women's Indoor Volleyball continued its growth with a ninth franchise added to the league. Games are played every Tuesday night from mid-December to mid-April at the Winter Hill Community School Gymnasium. The majority of teams have progressed far beyond the "beach Volleyball" level to a much better understanding of the game. Team strategy has now surpassed sheer athletic ability as the key ingredient in making it into post-season competition. A recent participant survey revealed that an extremely high number of new residents to the City are currently involved in the program. Many friendships have come out of the league because the sport just seems to lend itself to a good time.

Perhaps the most innovative activity in 1987 was our Co-Ed Volleyball League. Four teams were recruited to play in this experimental activity so that we could best shape the direction of the new league. Games were at the Winter Hill Community School on Tuesday evenings from September to mid-December. Special rules of play were developed by the program to insure safe and fair competition. The activity proved to be great fun in addition to good old fashioned exercise. Participants are eagerly awaiting next Fall's games and a much bigger turn out is anticipated from skeptics of Co-Ed sports. An idea in action at the Rec.

The 37th season of our Men's Twilight Basketball League tapped off in mid-May and crowned six Divisional champions in late August. A total of fifty teams showcased their talents at Trum, Lincoln and Conway in a wide range of playing styles and shapes. The Outdoor League, by the very nature of its game, namely erratic weather conditions and tempermental rims and backboards, forces action inside the "paint" and thus passing and rebounding become equal to shooting in recruited playing skills. The Indoor Hoop League once again had to play its games without the use of the Somerville High School Field House due to the maintenance schedule of the floor's surface. Tufts University helped relieve the scheduling problems of the program by allowing the use of its fine basketball facility at Cousens Gym again on Sunday mornings. Other sites utilized were the Lincoln Park Community School Gym on Mondays, the East Somerville Community School Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the Powder House Community School Gym on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which all had the newly adopted three-point circle of dramatic, miracle comebacks and last second fame.

The Men's Flag Football League recorded season number fourteen with twelve League entries split into two six-team divisions. Velcro belted combatants kicked off the Sunday morning after Labor Day and grabbed opponents' flags until the first frosted week in December. The League Banquet was held at

the Sons of Italy Hall across from Trum Field, where the offensive and defensive M.V.P.'s for each division, as determined by league ballot, were presented awards. Host playing gridirons for 1987 were M.D.C.'s Foss Park and Dilboy Field along with the athletic field at Tufts University across from Cousens Gym on College Avenue in Medford. Flag Football required speed and strength, quick thinking and reflex actions, stamina and sheer guts. Pigskin play for whatever reason always has fewer squabbles and spats among participants than less contact sports, because the last gripe most likely will be resolved somewhere in the very next play. The phrase "You're not getting older, you're getting better" usually always applies to the "A" Division Playoffs, where it seems teams have to first lose to win the Somerville Rec's Flag Super Bowl.

The 12th Anniversary of our Women's A.M. Bowling League was celebrated this past year. Each Monday morning, rain, sleet, or snow, eight teams of candle-pin bowlers found both fun and exercise at the Day St. Lanes off Davis Square. Our program is as statistically conscious as most structured leagues. However, great emphasis is placed upon club balance when placing individuals on teams. The 28-week schedule culminated in a Luncheon Banquet held this year at the Courtyard Restaurant in Andover. Trophies were awarded to the first and second place teams and to individuals for High Average, High Single and High Triple. It's a great way to "strike" away at the Monday morning blues!

PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Commission's largest daily year-round program continues to be the Somerville Recreation Senior Citizens Club. The Club completed its 30th season during 1987. The attendance figures continue to show a slight decline in the active participation by some members. Age, cost of services and weather are some of the reasons for the decline. Members who have supported the club for the past 10/15 years are well into their seventies and eighties. New members (65 in 1987) have not kept pace with the available vacancies (150). Cost of services have seen a 20% increase in motor coach rentals, a 50% increase in cost of luncheon parties due to the changeover from the late M. Wilma Hughes' volunteer service to a professional catering business.

There are currently 800 club members divided among the four group meeting days. The Monday, Tuesday and Thursday groups meet at the James A. Logan Post and have an average membership of 225. The Wednesday Group meets at the American Legion Post #19 and has a membership of 140. 1988 will see an increased use of P.R. work by word of mouth, cable and newspaper announcements in an effort to attract additional senior citizens. The Club is open to Somerville residents who are at least 65 years of age. The Club's regular season, September to June, consists of Bingo, monthly mystery rides, and day luncheon trips. The Summer schedule includes a limited amount of Binges, day trips and Mystery rides. Additional activities include the Wednesday morning Bowling League (40), Friday Morning Dance Class (40), Wednesday Morning Ceramics Program (24), and the over-night trip club.

A newsletter and schedule is mailed four times each year to each member. The average daily attendance was 90 for Bingo, 125 for parties, 100 for day trips, and 125 for Mystery rides. The Club holds one fund-raiser per year, a Penny Sale. Profit from the Penny Sale is used to help defray the cost of the annual Anniversary Party. The small annual dues is used to cover the cost of paper goods, i.e., party condiments, raffle tickets, paper, stamps, etc. Members pay the full cost for all activities that they choose to attend. On a trip, the cost includes: meal, entrance fee, tips, and transportation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

DATE	EVENT	NUMBER PRESENT
JANUARY. . . .	.3-Day Overnight Trip (New Year's Party)	40
MARCH . . . . .	.2 St. Patrick's Parties — Logan Post	250
APRIL . . . . .	.3 Easter Parties — Logan Post & Post 19	280
	Penny Sale	150
	2 Hilltop Steakhouse Trips	100
	Bowling Banquet — Bobby Hackett's, Pembroke	40
MAY. . . . .	.3 Hilltop Steakhouse Trips	125
	Day Trip — Wychmere Yacht Club, Harwichport	110
	3-Day Overnight Trip, Beacon Motel, Lincoln, N.H.	50
JUNE . . . . .	.30th Anniversary Party — Caruso's Diplomat	350
	Shopping Trip — Fall River/New Bedford	44
	Day Trip to Cummaquid Inn, Falmouth	80
	3-Day Trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine	50
JULY . . . . .	.Mystery Ride — Barker Tavern, Scituate	140
	Day Trip — Hampton Beach, Greenhouse Restaurant	80
	Evening Mystery Ride — Courtyard Rest., Andover, MA	90
	Clambake — Lobster in the Rough, York, ME	90
AUGUST. . . . .	.Day Trip to Rockport, Capt. Courageous Restaurant	90
SEPTEMBER . . .	.Registration of members for new season	800
OCTOBER. . . .	.Short Foliage Trip — Bull Run Restaurant, Shirley	90
	Short Foliage Trip — Promises to Keep Restaurant, Derry, N.H.	100
	Day Trip — Hawthorne Country Club, Dartmouth	75
	2 Halloween Parties — Logan Post	250
	Registration for Bowling League and Dance Class	80
NOVEMBER . . .	.Mystery Ride — Ashworth by the Sea, Hampton	130
	2 Thanksgiving Parties — Logan Post	320

Shopping Trip — Fall River/New Bedford	44
Overnight Trip, Beacon Motel, Lincoln, N.H.	50
Day Trip — Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich	90
DECEMBER.Christmas Lights Trip — LaSalette Shrine, Attleboro — Benjamin's Restaurant	90
4 Christmas Parties — Logan Post & Post 19	450

SUPPLEMENTARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JANUARY.The calendar phenom continues with its high popularity status with everything from cat pictures to magnificent landscapes. The Recreation's colorful rendition lists the calendar dates on one side with a full copy of the Department's offerings on the flip side. The practical cardboard copy is issued to various municipal offices and many commercial businesses. Kudos are in order to the Ames Envelope Company which provided the materials and to the Somerville High School Printing Department students who applied their technical know-how to produce this handy guide.

FEBRUARYIn this Olympic year, the Annual Indoor Gym Hockey Tournament had all the trappings of its Calgary '88 counterpart. Youngsters throughout the city formed their own teams and went for the gold at the Powder House Community School Gym during the School Vacation week.

MARCHThe 'March Madness' euphoria builds to a feverish pitch as the five divisional races are decided in the Men's Indoor Basketball League. As if not to satisfy the hoop diehard's appetite, divisional All-Star tilts are scheduled to pay tribute to the outstanding candidates from each of the league's teams. The appropriate icing on the cake concludes when the Green Division All-Stars conclude the season with the Crimson of Harvard, aptly named the Harvard Classics.

APRILThe 36th Annual Cribbage Tournament brought its usual entourage from the city and Greater Boston area, as the Logan Post Hall in Teele Square provided the setting for hopeful peggers. The comraderie is infectious among the participants despite everyone doing their competitive best. But for a little bit of luck, all who entered the hall and left that night were winners in their own right.

MAY.The running craze of a few years ago has diminished the numbers but not the enthusiasm as hope always springs eternal in the 2.7-Mile Road Race. The race serves as a magnet for all runners whether they be casual trodders or wishful marathoners. There is no cap on age or experience with the only

restriction being that you share in the spirit and goodwill of the event.

JUNE The 30th Anniversary Party highlighted another successful year of the Senior Citizen's Club. Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus provided the festive backdrop to a memorable day complete with dinner, song, dance, and a few other surprises.

The marks are at least in the 9.7 to 9.8 range as the Annual Gymnastics Exhibition scores high in the minds of parents and participants alike. The Lincoln Park Community School Gym provides the Olympic-like venue for numerous 'balanced-beaming' youngsters.

A new corps of recruits was added to the Recreation's Playground staff as the new employees were trained in the demanding, but rewarding role of playground leader. Learning new games, making arts and crafts projects, a question and answer forum, viewing a playground film, going over rules and regulations, preparing reports, etc., were just some of the areas covered during this orientation period.

The Women's Daytime Bowling League topped off another successful season with their Annual Banquet complete with trophies for individual and team efforts.

JULY/AUGUST The Summer Playground season (mentioned at length in the beginning of this report) refers to other special events and activities.

SEPTEMBER . . The Annual City-Wide Hot Shot Basketball Tournament produced another excellent field of finalists who were able to win locally and thereby compete successfully in the National Finals in Log Angeles, California.

P.H.Y.L. players were the guests of Harvard University when the Crimson took on the Northeastern Huskies at Harvard Stadium.

OCTOBER. . . . The Junior Twilight Boys' Championship Basketball team was treated to a post-season celebration hosted by Marty Goerg, proprietor of McDonald's. The team uniforms for all players were donated through the sponsorship of McDonald's whose slogan for the Summer Twilight games at Conway could be 'you deserve a fast-break today.'

NOVEMBER . . The Boathouse at the Mystic River Basin was the venue for the Ninth Annual Fall Family Fun Run. This non-timed race is open to all families of the city and places the emphasis on participation and fun. In addition to the post-race raffle of

red, white and blue stocking caps, this year a couple of lucky raffle winners won handsome, first edition Fun Run sweatshirts.

DECEMBER. . . The Eleventh Annual Pre-Teen Invitational Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament provided area youngsters with a satisfying post-Christmas activity. All the participants receive a handsome tournament shirt in recognition of their appearance in this Holiday Classic.

PROGRAMMING CURRENTLY SPONSORED BY THE SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

PAGE	PROGRAM	AGES	UNITS
73-81	Summer Playgrounds	7-14	26
81-82	Special Needs Programming	6-22	1
82-83	After School Arts & Crafts	6-10	3
83	Girls' Gymnastics	8-11	1
83-84	Summer Soccer Camp	8-18	1
84	Powder House Youth League	10-15	1
84-85	Youth Baseball Clinic	8-18	1
85	Boys' & Girls' Physical Fitness Centers	10-15	3
86	Teen Ceramics	11-17	1
86	Girls' Twilight Junior Softball	12-16	1
86	Boys' Indoor Junior Basketball	12-15	6 Teams
86-87	Boys' Twilight Junior Basketball	12-15	6 Teams
87	Boys' Intermediate Twilight Basketball	15-18	16 Teams
87	Young Men's & Women's Physical Fitness	16 & Over	3
87	Aerobic Dance & Exercise Class	18 & Over	1
88	Ceramics Class	18 & Over	5
88	Sewing Class	17 & Over	3
88	Chess League	8 & Over	1
88	Cribbage League	18 & Over	1
88	Photography Clinic	18 & Over	1
89-90	Women's Slow Pitch Softball	16 & Over	8 Teams
90	Women's Volleyball League	18 & Over	9 Teams
90	Co-Ed Volleyball League	18 & Over	4 Teams
89	Men's Slow Pitch Softball	18 & Over	39 Teams
90	Men's Twilight Basketball	18 & Over	50 Teams
90	Men's Twilight Basketball	18 & Over	36 Teams
90-91	Men's Flag Football	18 & Over	12 Teams
91	Women's Daytime Bowling	18 & Over	8 Teams
91-92	Senior Citizens' Club	65 & Over	4
91	Senior Citizens' Bowling	65 & Over	1
91	Senior Citizens' Dance Class	65 & Over	1
91	Senior Citizens' Ceramics	65 & Over	1
92-93	Supplementary Events & Activities	7 & Over	varied

City of Somerville, Recreation Commission
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – FISCAL YEAR 1988

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988) \$393,933.00

EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1988):

Salaries and Wages	\$369,533.00	
Repairs – Vehicles.	500.00	
Repairs – Office Equipment	300.00	
Rentals – Office Equipment	600.00	
Rentals – Vehicles.	2,500.00	
Advertising.	75.00	
Transportation	4,500.00	
Postage	880.00	
Photography.	600.00	
Office Supplies	1,900.00	
Printing & Stationery	600.00	
Hardware.	950.00	
Paint.	500.00	
Tools	225.00	
Lumber & Wood	500.00	
Tires & Tubes	180.00	
Food & Refreshments	600.00	
Medical Supplies	325.00	
Athletic Equipment	3,825.00	
Recreation Supplies.	3,200.00	
Flower Fund	100.00	
Badges, Emblems & Trophies.	440.00	
Dues & Subscriptions.	300.00	
Uniforms.	800.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$393,933.00	\$393,933.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining cooperation and assistance from a great many sources. Our appreciation for their concern and aid is sincerely expressed to:

HONORABLE EUGENE C. BRUNE, Mayor of Somerville

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & VARIOUS OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPTS.

THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL DEPT. –
ESPECIALLY THE FOODSERVICE DEPT.

POLICE DEPT. AND ITS AUXILIARY

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SOMERVILLE CHURCHES & MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY

SOMERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

For the donations of Sportsmanship Sweatshirt Awards for Summer Playground Participants, printing of programs & the M.V.P. trophies for the Inter-Playground Track Meet & for sponsoring the Fall Family Fun Run.

JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W.

For the use of its Hall for our Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Senior Citizens' Clubs.

AMERICAN LEGION, POST #19

For the use of its Hall for our Wednesday Senior Citizens' Club meeting and our Friday A.M. Dance Program.

SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA ORDER OF MEDFORD #1359, MASS.

For contributions to our Special Needs Summer Program & support of Special Needs Projects in both Somerville and Medford.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
PARKS & RECREATION DIV.

CATALDO AMBULANCE SERVICE
For First Aid Services to our Athletic Programs.

MCDONALD'S OF DAVIS & PORTER SQUARES
For the sponsorship of Boys' Jr. Basketball & their fundraising & public relations assistance.

THE AMES SAFETY ENVELOPE CO.

For product donations used in our public relations materials.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, INC.

For our Special Project, Summer Soccer Camp at Tufts Univ.

SOMERVILLE LODGE OF ELKS

For providing our Girls' Gymnastics Program with sweatpants for each girl.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

For the use each Fall Sunday Morning of its College Avenue Field for our Men's Flag Football League, the use of its Cousens Gym and Indoor Cage for our Men's Basketball League and Youth Baseball Clinic, and its Powder House Blvd. Field for our Summer Soccer Camp.

SOMERVILLE JOURNAL

SOMERVILLE NEWS

SOMERVILLE THIS WEEK

For outstanding coverage of weekly activities and special events sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

THE PARKS DIVISION OF D.P.W. & O.P.C.D.'S PARKS PROGRAM

For working with the Commission to insure the best possible delivery system for Parks & Recreation facilities and programs. Both agencies have done an outstanding job in providing the City of Somerville with superior, public athletic and open space areas. The Commission's outdoor programming owes much of its success to the professional way in which the Parks Division and the Park Program go about doing their business on a day-to-day basis.

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL REPORT
1986-87

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JULY 1, 1986 - JUNE 30, 1987

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 1986-87 school year was a busy, but exciting one for the City's schools. Major renovations continued at Somerville High School, and teachers and students worked under difficult circumstances. At this writing, the completion of the project is in sight. It is clear to everyone that when done, we will have a magnificent physical plant which will serve the students of Somerville for the next half century.

For the first time in the City's history, the ninth grade became part of the high school along with the trade vocational program. All students in Grades 9-12 are now housed in one large comprehensive high school. Moreover, a modification in the schedule of the vocational program permits student integration in all subjects on a daily basis.

Various shops in the new vocational wing create real business environments for student experience. Among others, the culinary arts and cosmetology shops run a restaurant and a grooming salon respectively for the public to use.

Project SAIL (Somerville Alternative Integrated Learning) was successfully launched following a year of planning. Four teachers from different disciplines (math, English, science, and social studies) work as a team, providing education for a common group of some 80 sophomore students. The goal is a simple one: to ascertain whether a different approach to learning and teaching can be more effective.

Under Chapter 188, the Massachusetts Department of Education awarded the Somerville School Department almost \$2 million during the past year to help improve the schools. More than 40 Somerville teachers shared \$62,000 to strengthen and enrich the curriculum. Individual grants, ranging from \$375 to \$2500, supported many projects, including oceanography, drama, microcomputer use, live theatre, and many others.

In another area, some \$100,000 was spent on mathematics, including the purchase of textbooks for every grade. With the acquisition of \$140,000 worth of computers in the elementary grades alone, Somerville has risen to the forefront as a user of the latest technology.

Through an equal educational opportunity grant, we have achieved a very favorable pupil/teacher ratio over the last few years. We have spent nearly three-quarters of a million dollars from Chapter 188 on supplies and sorely needed instructional equipment. Our elementary writing program received a great boost with the acquisition of a \$34,000 award; allocations of \$65,000, \$75,000 and \$30,000 from three separate sections of the law will go toward curtailing our dropout problem.

In addition, Chapter 188 funds have enabled us to augment several other important programs. These include: the alcohol education project, CASPAR; teacher training and principals' workshops; special education programs; mental health services; library and media resources; and physical education enrichment programs.

Last spring, 17 elementary and secondary teachers were awarded Horace Mann Open Competition Awards totalling some \$16,000. The Horace Mann Teacher Program is one segment of Chapter 188, the Public School Improvement Act of 1985. The goal of the program is to provide financial incentives to qualified teachers, and to encourage the use of valuable teaching resources in such areas as curriculum development and teacher training. Chapter 188 is supervised by Ann Sheehan.

Elementary teachers who earned Horace Mann awards for 1986-1987 were Beatrice Liberace (Life Science Development at the Primary Level); William Dineen and Robert Keough (Elementary Science); Mary Marbardi, Marcia Tucci, and Patricia Mahoney (Learning Through Live Theatre); Joanne Giroux (Oceanography); William Buchan (Drama Through Puppetry); Peter Escott (Computers in Self-Contained Classrooms); David Gilberti (Learning Can Be Fun Card Set); Mary Ellen McClellan (Viewing the Ancient World); and Linda Vitiello (Conflict Resolution Through Mediation). At the secondary level, awards went to Karl Walczak (Faculty and Student Microcomputer Utilization); Kathleen Gagnon (Culturally Disadvantaged); Philip Bassett (Vocational Computer Coordinator); Kathleen Skinner (English Propaganda and Persuasion in Advanced News Coverage and Film); and Carol Gilberti (Life Skill Application).

Last winter, the Healey School was selected by the Massachusetts Department of Education as one of the four schools in the State to participate in the Children's Literature Project, a Lucretia Crocker program. The project was supervised by Joan Tieman, a national expert in the field of children's literature. Her discussions during her eight-day residency at the school focused on book selection for children, reading aloud, and motivating children to read. Teachers participated in literature workshops, and new books were purchased for their classrooms and for the school library.

Twenty teachers were selected for Chapter II Mini Grant Awards last year, amounting to some \$7500. The projects varied from reading and foreign language projects to a study of the human body and arts programs. Those receiving grants were Ann Sheehan (Mathematics); Helen Garinger and Ruth Daigle (Arts and Foreign languages); Philip Bassett (Architectural Design); Debra Hurley (Reading Center); Chris Molinero, Elizabeth Walters, and Ann Sheehan (Writing Mania); Carol Gunning and Patricia Hallion (Visitor from the Past); Edson MacKenzie (Science Kits); Annette Bassett (A-V Center); Jane McGrath (Newspapers); Patricia O'Connor (Human Body); Steven Rich (Extinct Is Forever); Deidre Cochran (Lab VI); Anne Kelly, Eleanor Sullivan, Alice Murphy, and Stephanie Miraglia (National Geographic); Patricia Escott (Readiness Can Be Fun); and Kathleen Donovan (Readers Are Winners).

Throughout our school system, students in Grades K-12 are using computers to help them write and read better, and to solve problems. Some 300 computers are operating in the 10 schools, including several in the Chapter I remediation program and many in the area of special needs and bilingual.

At the high school, the computer program in the business department has been completely revamped and upgraded, and computers have been installed in all the vocational shops.

There has been an immense growth in computer training. There were 15 in-service computer courses involving 230 teachers, and week-long summer workshops were conducted for Grade 1 teachers and for instructors in the areas of mathematics, science, and social studies.

In May, several teachers and students participated in a computer exhibition, "Kids and Computers '87", at the State House.

Throughout the City, class sizes have been reduced and we now enjoy optimum teacher/pupil ratios. School improvement funds have enriched opportunities for children in all schools. Increased number of field trips, instructional equipment, special arts programs are among the kinds of things provided through local school improvement councils made up of parents and teachers.

In conclusion, let me say that Somerville has been blessed with a city administration and school committee dedicated to bettering the schools for all children. We look forward to the coming year with a clear vision of the many problems we still have and the confidence and hope that we can continue to solve them.

One final note: Executive secretary Margaret Brennan will retire in December 1987 following a long and distinguished career in the City. Peg served as a secretary first at Somerville High School, and in 1966 moved to the office of the Superintendent of Schools. She has served three superintendents and many school committees. Always, Miss Brennan could be counted on to do her job in a professional and competent manner. She will be sorely missed. We wish her good health, happiness and Godspeed.

VETERANS' SERVICES

December 5, 1988

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville, MA

Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the Veterans' Services Department for fiscal year July 1987 through June 1988 is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, is a recapitulation of financial expenditures made in accordance with the State regulations governing the disbursement of Veterans' Benefits under Chapter 115, M.G. L.

There are two areas of assistance available to Veterans and their dependents administered through this department. The first being Veterans' Benefits which provide direct financial assistance to needy veterans and their dependents and/or medical vendor payments. The other being Veterans' Services which provide advice and counselling assistance to clients in preparing and developing Veterans' Administration claims for service connected disability compensation, non-service connected disability or widow's pension benefits claims, and such other claims pertaining to death, medical, vocational, educational and other related entitlements provided by the Federal Government.

The total amount of Veterans' Benefit payments made to needy veterans and their dependents or survivors was \$119,726.41. Under a new formula of state reimbursement the City will now receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the above amount rather than fifty percent (50%) reimbursement as in the past.

As an officer of the Mass. Veterans' Service Agents Association, I'm pleased to report that legislation providing for the City's increased reimbursement of the state funds was sponsored by our association and signed into law by the Governor. Much credit for the success of our bill is due to Representatives Howe, Mackey, and Vellucci, along with Senator Albano who collectively lobbied and supported its enactment.

With regard to Veterans' Services, this department received credit for obtaining a total of \$478,009.00 in Veterans' Administration benefit payments for veterans' or their survivors who sought our assistance in filing claims for Federal VA entitlements during the past year.

VA statistics show that there is an excess of nine thousand living veterans in Somerville, not to mention the several thousand widows of dependents of deceased veterans. Further statistics show that the total amount of VA expenditures paid to Somerville veterans or their survivors during the past fiscal year was \$6,137,214.00. Needless to say, six million dollars in Federal funds in this one area does much to stimulate an everburdened economy of any low or moderate income community such as ours.

Each claim for Federal VA benefits we prepare is accompanied by a standard Power of Attorney form and forwarded to our Mass. Veterans' Services Contact Unit at the J.F. Kennedy Federal Bldg. where one of our accredited Service Officers assists us in the preparation and development of each claim. Thus, the applicant is assured of receiving competent and professional representation at every step in adjudicating their claim for benefits.

State mandated annual cost of living increases in Veterans' Benefit assistance payments in addition to continuing increases in hospital and medical vendor payments have, and will place greater demands on local budgetary appropriations. The City, however, will receive approximately ninety-thousand dollars in reimbursed State funds for FY '87-'88.

I trust this will indicate the concerted effort being made by a dedicated staff to pursue all areas of available reimbursements when necessary, without depriving or diminishing the amount and extent of benefits of our needy veterans and their dependents.

My appreciation, Mr. Mayor, is once again extended to you and the Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen for your continued cooperation and interest in providing the resources to insure the quality of services and benefits our needy and disabled veterans and their dependents so rightfully deserve.

Very truly yours,

Leon W. Curtin, Director
Somerville Veterans' Services

1987 - 1988
RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS PAID

	Total Amount Cash Assistance Paid to Recipients	Total Amount Medical Assistance Paid to Vendors	Total Amount Miscellaneous Benefit Assistance Paid to Vendors	Balance Paid on Indigent Burial Charges	Total Amount Veterans' Benefits Granted	Total Amount Veterans' Benefits to be Reimbursed by State	Total Cost Veterans' Benefits Borne by Somerville
July	\$ 11,109.31	\$2,125.90	\$ 32.30	None	\$ 13,267.51	\$ 9,950.65	\$ 3,316.86
August	6,287.58	182.42	59.35	None	6,529.35	4,897.02	1,632.33
September	11,968.06	1,924.44	103.45	None	13,995.95	10,490.73	3,505.22
October	12,768.46	1,320.46	75.70	None	14,164.62	10,623.47	3,541.15
November	8,462.05	238.36	77.18	None	8,777.59	6,576.86	2,200.73
December	8,371.68	375.82	20.62	None	8,768.12	6,576.09	2,192.03
January	8,676.22	375.83	45.65	\$ 760.00	9,857.70	7,393.22	2,464.48
February	9,458.85	132.26	197.75	None	9,788.86	7,341.65	2,447.21
March	10,193.47	169.47	107.26	None	10,470.20	7,852.61	2,617.59
April	6,513.66	124.57	7.50	None	6,645.73	4,984.25	1,661.48
May	5,970.83	233.94	10.00	2,200.00	8,414.77	6,311.07	2,003.70
June	8,237.13	801.41	7.44	None	9,046.01	6,784.51	2,261.51
Total	\$108,017.30	\$8,004.88	\$744.20	\$2,960.00	\$119,726.41	\$89,782.13	\$29,944.29

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WATER DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT
January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987

- A. The following is a summary of the repair and service work which the Water Department performed during 1987.
1. Water Services: 153 water services were either repaired or replaced and 80 poor pressure problems were corrected.
 2. Fire Hydrants: 14 new fire hydrants were installed and an additional 37 fire hydrants were repaired
 3. Water Meters: 86 water meters were removed and replaced with new ones. This is an addition to the Water Meter Replacement Program which is summarized later in this report.
 4. Water Mains: 19 water mains and main gates were repaired.
 5. Miscellaneous: During the year 226, shut offs and turn ons were performed for various repair reasons. In addition, approximately 1,500 citizen emergency calls, for various reasons, were attended to.
- B. The Water Meter Replacement Program was reinstated during 1987 with the addition of the ARB System which allows our meter readers to read the meter without entering the dwelling. During the year 452, new water meters with ARB's were installed by the contractor and an additional 731 were retrofitted with the outside readers. This gives us a total of 1,183 complete ARB systems installed in 1987.
- C. The total water usage for the City of Somerville during 1987 was 3,288,322,000 gallons of water.

